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**TO:** Directors, Health Service Regions  
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**SUBJECT:** Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions

Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) providers may begin submitting orders for 2007 influenza vaccine for their TVFC eligible patients in October. Orders for influenza vaccine received prior to the October Biological Order Form (C-68) will be cancelled and will not be placed on backorder. Clinics are advised to schedule influenza clinics in November to ensure vaccine availability. Please refer to the attached one-page reference sheet for a list of vaccines, dosages, and eligibility.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded the recommended age for flu to include all children aged 6 months through 59 months. As a reminder, children under 9 years of age that are previously unvaccinated for influenza should receive two doses of vaccine administered at least one month apart.

If you have questions regarding the influenza vaccine, please call your Health Service Region or TVFC Consultant.

Attachment

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program  
**2006-07 Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Dosages and Information**

| Product Name | Age                 | Dosage | Formulation <sup>a</sup>                                       | Number of Doses     | Route         |
|--------------|---------------------|--------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| FluZone®PF   | 6 through 35 months | .25 mL | Preservative-free<br>Pre-filled syringe<br>Pediatric Dose      | 1 or 2 <sup>b</sup> | Intramuscular |
| FluZone®PF   | 3 through 18 years  | .50 mL | Preservative-free<br>Pre-filled syringe<br>or single dose vial | 1 or 2 <sup>b</sup> | Intramuscular |
| FluZone®     | 3 through 18 years  | .50 mL | 10 dose vials  | 1 or 2 <sup>b</sup> | Intramuscular |
| Fluvirin®    | 4 through 18 years  | .50 mL | 10 dose vials  | 1 or 2 <sup>b</sup> | Intramuscular |

<sup>a</sup> Refer to package insert for instruction.  
<sup>b</sup> Two doses are recommended for children under 9 years of age who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time. Administer at least one month apart, and if possible, give second dose before December.

All vaccines prepared for the 2006-07 season, inactivated and live attenuated, will include antigens to protect against A/New Caledonia/20/1999 (H1N1)-like, A/Wisconsin/67/2005 (H3N2)-like, and B/Malaysia/2506/2004-like antigens.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices states that the optimal time to vaccinate those at risk for complications is usually during October and November. TVFC influenza vaccine orders should be placed beginning with the October order, and should be placed once a month each subsequent month throughout the vaccination season (October through March). When ordering, please consider the number of patients you expect to see monthly and order appropriately. For Medicaid billing information please refer to the September/October Texas Medicaid Bulletin No. 198.

***TVFC Children Eligible for Inactivated Influenza Vaccine***

- Children aged 6 months through 59 months.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years with chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular system, including asthma.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic disease (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medication or human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]).
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and may therefore be at risk for developing Reye's Syndrome after influenza.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who are residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons at any age who have chronic medical conditions.
- Females under 19 years who will be pregnant during the influenza season.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who are household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged <6 months.
- Children and adolescents aged 5 years through 18 years who are household contacts of persons in high-risk groups (e.g., persons aged 65 years or older, transplant recipients, persons with AIDS, and children aged less than 5 years).