2020 TVFC/ASN Provider Manual and Provider Policy Training Releases Set For Sept. 1

The 2020 TVFC/ASN Provider Manual will be available online for you to review policy changes for the upcoming program year.

Details On 2020 TVFC and ASN Annual Re-Enrollment

In preparation for 2020, re-enrollment for the TVFC and ASN Programs will take place October 1-31, 2019. All facilities are required to update patient profiles annually during re-enrollment.

NEW Enrollments for TVFC-ASN Program Will Halt During Re-Enrollment Period

This is a necessary step for DSHS to take during the 2020 re-enrollment period to allow all Responsible Entities (RE) the necessary amount of time to review all data submitted from more than 3,000-enrolled sites.

Learn More About the Texas IQIP Program

The Texas Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program will launch on October 1, 2019.
NIAM Toolkit Available

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the efforts of healthcare professionals to protect patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination.

The Public Health Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have developed a digital communication toolkit with resources for partners, including:

- Key messages
- Social media content
- Social media graphics
- Newsletter announcements
- Links to educational resources for healthcare professionals vaccine.

CDC will also be launching a website for the #HowIRecommend video series by August 1st. Please share these resources with your members and on your social media platforms using the hashtag #ivax2protect.

Vaccine Choice Opens Aug. 12

Beginning Monday, August 12, you may update your vaccine choices in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. In EVI, the "Update Choice" tab will be open at 10 am on Monday, August 12 and close at 3 pm on Friday, August 23.

If you do not wish to make any changes to your current vaccine choices, no action is needed. Vaccine choice will be available again in November 2019.
Webinar: 'Adolescent Immunization Update and the 16-Year-Old Platform'

Prepping for the back-to-school rush? Join Sharon G. Humiston, MD, MPH, FAAP, Immunization Action Coalition's associate director for research, for a one-hour webinar titled "Adolescent Immunization Update and the 16-Year-Old Platform" on noon, August 14. During her presentation, Dr. Humiston will review the "need-to-know" facts of adolescent immunization.

Did You Know?

Do you know what to do if a vaccine has an incorrect or missing expiration date? Here are two simple steps to correct this in EVI:

Step 1: Update your C-33 and enter zero (0) for the vaccine with the wrong or missing expiration date.

Step 2: Add-line these doses back into your inventory with the correct expiration date.

That’s all there is to it! Contact your Responsible Entity for guidance.

Correction:

For the 2020 TVFC/ASN re-enrollment, DSHS will prepopulate ImmTrac2 org code for each facility. It is necessary for us to continue to collect the expiration dates of data loggers that monitor the temperature of the units that contain TVFC/ASN vaccine. DSHS apologizes for the misstatement made in July’s TVFC/ASN Digest.