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RE: 2015 Reporting Requirements for Deputized Providers

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider:

In 2012 the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch implemented Delegation of Authority, or deputization, of public clinics for the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program. This process allows Texas Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to delegate their statutory authority to use federal Vaccines For Children (VFC) vaccine to immunize underinsured children.

The federal VFC Program definition of “underinsured” includes:

- children with private insurance that does not cover vaccines;
- children whose insurance covers only select vaccines (VFC-eligible for the non-covered vaccines only); or
- children whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount (VFC-eligible once that cap is reached).

Deputized sites will vaccinate “Walk-In” VFC-eligible underinsured children ages birth to 18. “Walk-In” is defined under subsection 1928(b) (2) (A) (iii) of the Social Security Act as any eligible underinsured client (birth to 18 years of age) who presents for immunization services but is not an established patient.

Participating in the delegation of authority process requires clear accountability of publicly funded vaccines while ensuring underinsured children have affordable access to necessary vaccines. Each deputized public provider is responsible for the following reporting requirements:

- Track and report monthly unduplicated underinsured clients for two age groups: birth to 6 years of age and 7 to 18 years of age.
- Track and report monthly vaccine doses administered to underinsured clients for two age groups: birth to 6 years of age and 7 to 18 years of age.

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- Providers that use the Texas Wide Immunization Client Encounter System (TWICES) must enter all encounter information, including doses administered, by the 15th day of the following month.
- Providers who are non-TWICES users must submit dose and client data using the monthly reporting template provided by DSHS Vaccine Management Group by the 15th day of the following month using this link: <http://doa2015.questionpro.com>.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program.

Sincerely,

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