December 4, 2014

**RE: Additional Influenza Vaccine Available For Texas VFC Providers**

This memorandum provides an update on influenza vaccine ordering, FluMist\textsuperscript{®} Replacement Program, and the National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW).

**Influenza Vaccine Orders**

In August 2014 the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch began the distribution of influenza vaccines for the 2014-2015 season to Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) providers. As of today, all TVFC provider requests placed during Round 1 and Round 2 pre-book periods have been allocated and made available to providers.

Starting December 4, 2014 all available influenza vaccines will be listed on the Place Order screen and can be ordered at the same time as other vaccines. Providers who want to place an order for influenza vaccine will need to reconcile their inventory prior to order submission.

**Important Note:** All pending Special Orders for influenza vaccine will have until close of business on December 17, 2014 to accept the order in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. On December 18, 2014, all Special Orders of influenza vaccine that have not been completed will be deleted.

While supplies last, the following influenza vaccine formulations will be available on the Place Order screen in EVI:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vaccine Brand name</th>
<th>NDC</th>
<th>Formulation</th>
<th>Age Indication</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fluzone\textsuperscript{®}, Quadrivalent</td>
<td>NDC 49281-00514-25-P</td>
<td>0.25, PF syringe (Ped)</td>
<td>(6-35 months)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fluzone\textsuperscript{®}, Quadrivalent</td>
<td>NDC 49281-0414-50-P</td>
<td>0.5, SD Vial (Ped)</td>
<td>(36 months +)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fluzone\textsuperscript{®}, Quadrivalent</td>
<td>NDC 49281-0621-15</td>
<td>Multi-Dose Vial (Ped)</td>
<td>(36 months +)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fluarix\textsuperscript{®}, Quadrivalent</td>
<td>NDC 58160-0901-52-P</td>
<td>0.5, PF syringe (Ped)</td>
<td>(36 months +)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FluMist\textsuperscript{®}, Quadrivalent</td>
<td>NDC 66019-0301-10-P</td>
<td>Intranasal (Ped)</td>
<td>(2-49 yrs)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
As specific brands are depleted, an equivalent vaccine will be substituted if available. Once available formations of influenza vaccines are depleted, the Immunization Branch will send a notification to all TVFC providers.

**Medimmune – FluMist® Replacement Program**

Medimmune, Inc., the manufacturer of FluMist® intranasal influenza vaccine has initiated a replacement program for TVFC vaccines purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) contract. The Immunization Branch encourages all TVFC providers to participate in the FluMist® Replacement Program. Information and instructions pertaining to the replacement program will follow in a separate communication later this week.

**National Influenza Vaccination Week**

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) will be observed December 7–13, 2014.

During NIVW please emphasize the importance of the following:

- Promoting vaccination throughout the flu season, beginning before the holidays and extending into January and beyond.
- Highlighting the importance of universal flu vaccination for everyone age six months and older, including reminding parents about the need for a second dose for certain children.
- Putting special focus on people at high risk for complications from flu, particularly those with asthma, diabetes, and heart and lung conditions, as well as young children, seniors, and pregnant women.
- Addressing disparities in vaccination coverage by developing partnerships with grassroots organizations and trusted messengers.
- For additional information and resources for NIVW, please check out the NIVW web page: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw

For additional influenza resources please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: FluView – weekly summary of influenza activities: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/.

If you have any questions about ordering influenza vaccines or the FluMist® Replacement Program, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or your Local Health Department.

Thank you for your continued participation in the TVFC Program.

Sincerely,

Monica Gamez
Director, Infectious Disease Control Unit