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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Pentacel® Supply Limited

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider,

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program was notified on November 30, 2015 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about a temporary manufacturing delay of Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel® vaccine [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Inactivated Poliovirus and Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine]. The vaccine shortage will result in immediate vaccine allocation of this product to all VFC programs nationwide. Allocation of Pentacel® is necessary due to a manufacturing delay that will temporarily reduce supply below the level needed to fully satisfy market demand. The shortage is anticipated to last through the summer of 2016.

In order to ensure that all providers have access to this vaccine over the next few months, TVFC provider Maximum Stock Levels (MSLs) for Pentacel® will be reduced by 30 percent effective immediately. However, further reduction of vaccine allocation could be implemented based on manufacture and CDC guidance. The 30 percent reduction will occur automatically within the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. Until further notice, providers will not be allowed to order over their newly defined Pentacel® MSL.

Options to reduce the use of Pentacel® include the use of single vaccines for some populations and use of alternative combination vaccines, such as Pediarix® (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B, and Polio) for others. Providers may consider using Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids, Acellular Pertussis (DTaP), Polio, and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccines separately, especially for the 12-15 month booster doses as well as starting new patients on Pediarix® combination vaccine. The attached document titled *Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel® Manufacturing Delay* provides options for vaccinating children using alternative vaccines.

Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and polio vaccines.

If single antigens or other combinations are not showing as ordering options, or if providers need to change current vaccine selections, please contact the Vaccine Call Center at 1-888-777-5320 for assistance.

If you would like additional information on vaccine options by age, please go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.

Please contact your Department of State Health Service (DSHS) Health Service Region (HSR) with any questions and or concerns regarding Pentacel® or vaccine MSLs.

PINS Beginning With	Health Service Region	Phone Number
01	HSR 1	806-783-7151
02/03	HSR 2/3	817-264-4790
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson, or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties or 06	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08 or 00	HSR 8	210-949-2067
09	HSR 9	432-571-4132
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552

Sincerely,



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Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel® Manufacturing Delay

Sanofi Pasteur is experiencing a manufacturing delay with Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) vaccine. As a result, Sanofi Pasteur is not able to meet all of the Pentacel vaccine demand throughout the first half of 2016. However, Sanofi Pasteur has sufficient supplies of the relevant single antigen vaccines (DAPTACEL, ActHIB, and IPOL) to address the anticipated gap in Pentacel supply. Sanofi Pasteur is communicating directly to healthcare providers with information about the Pentacel delay via a health care provider letter.

Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and polio vaccines.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers should contact their state or local immunization program for guidance about ordering vaccines.

Options include:

- Using DTaP, IPV, and Hib vaccines to complete a series begun with Pentacel. There is a sufficient supply of DTaP, IPV and Hib vaccines to meet the anticipated demand.
- Other combination vaccines containing DTaP and Hib vaccines may also be used to complete the series.

Considerations when changing vaccine products:

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends using the same brand of vaccine for all doses of a vaccination series, when feasible. If providers do not know or do not have available the brand of vaccine previously administered, another brand may be used.
- Hib vaccines are interchangeable. If different brands of a vaccine require different numbers of doses, use the higher number when mixing brands. The Hib vaccine component in Pentacel is licensed as a four-dose series.

Additional vaccine information and sample schedules using single component and combination vaccines for children who have already received one, two, or three doses of Pentacel are below.

Use of brand names is for identification purposes only and does not imply an endorsement by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sample Schedules for Using DTaP, Hib, and IPV Vaccines When Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel® Manufacturing Delay

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using DTaP, Hib, and IPV vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib).

- When assessing for needed vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each.

1 prior dose of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	DTaP	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
	Hib	Hib	Hib		
	IPV	IPV			IPV

2 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
		Hib	Hib		
		IPV			IPV

3 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel		DTaP*	DTaP
			Hib		

*The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose. This is an ACIP off-label recommendation.

Vaccine	Use for
DTaP	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
Hib (ActHIB, PedvaxHIB)	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 4 years of age
IPV	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age. Do not use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

For further information, contact your state or local health department immunization program

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Sample Schedule for Using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib Vaccines When Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel® Manufacturing Delay

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib).

- When using combination vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each of the component vaccines.

1 prior dose of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pediarix	Pediarix **		DTaP*	DTaP
		Pentacel					

2 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pentacel	Pentacel	Pediarix	DTaP*	DTaP
		Hib					

3 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel	DTaP*	DTaP
		Hib					

* The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose. This is an ACIP off-label recommendation.

**Administration of a 4th dose of HepB vaccine is permissible when a combination vaccine containing HepB is given after the birth dose.

Vaccine	Use for
DTaP	Any dose in the 5-dose series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
DTaP/IPV/HepB (Pediarix)	Doses 1, 2, and 3 of DTaP and IPV; any dose of HepB for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
HepB	Any dose in the HepB series for children at birth and older
Hib (ActHIB, PedvaxHIB)	Any dose in the Hib series for children 6 weeks through 4 years of age
IPV	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age Do not use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

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References

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons 0 through 18 Years of Age

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices General Recommendations on Immunization

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6002.pdf>

Directory of State Health Department immunization program websites

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/prog-mgrs/grantee-imz-websites.htm>

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases "Pink Book" 13th Edition

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html>