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TO: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Influenza Vaccine for the 2013-2014 Season

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program is beginning to receive incremental shipments of the influenza vaccines for the 2013-2014 season from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on the availability of the vaccines and the 'pre-booked' amounts, providers will begin to receive incremental shipments over the next few weeks.

For the 2013-2014 influenza season, all influenza orders will be processed through the TVFC's Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. As doses are made available, the TVFC Vaccines Services Group (VSG) will load available doses into EVI for providers to order (based on previous allocations or newly approved provider orders). VSG is encouraging all TVFC providers to log into EVI frequently to see if there is a flu vaccine order awaiting approval. The attached ***Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) Instructional Guide for August 2013 Release*** includes instructions on how to order the influenza vaccine.

Before a provider is able to order influenza vaccine for the 2013-2014 season, VSG is requesting providers report in EVI all 2012-2013 influenza vaccine as administered or wasted/expired. If the vaccine is expired, please record the amount in EVI under the ***Inventory: Wasted/Expired*** tab and submit a signed ***Texas Wasted/Expired*** form to your local TVFC representative. As a reminder, expired vaccine (including influenza) should never remain in a provider's refrigerator.

If you have any questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or local TVFC representative or the Vaccine Call Center @ 888-777-5320.