TO: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Daptacel®, Pentacel®, and Adacel® Vaccine Supply Update

The Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) Program was notified today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that there will not be any doses of Sanofi Pasteur’s Pentacel® [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Haemophilus influenzae type b, and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] allocated to the Texas DSHS Immunization Branch through mid-October at the earliest.

In addition, the CDC also notified Texas that Sanofi Pasteur’s Daptacel® [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed] and Adacel® [Tetanus Toxoid, reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed] will only be available in a limited supply through October.

However, the CDC has confirmed that GSK will be able to increase its supply of pertussis-containing vaccines to be able to address gaps related to the supply limitations described above. This means that the availability of pertussis-containing vaccines will be sufficient to support the routine vaccination schedule for children, adolescents, and adults.

At this point, the CDC has not provided any updates about the current supply of Sanofi Pasteur’s Hib-containing vaccine (ActHIB®). ActHIB® is currently under allocation, but supply is projected to be sufficient to continue to fill all TVFC provider orders.

Additionally, the allocations for GSK’s Pediarix® [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Hepatitis B (Recombinant) and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] have been lifted for all TVFC providers as of August 1, 2013. TVFC providers maximum stock levels (MSLs) for Pediarix® have been returned to their pre-allocation levels.

If you have questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant.