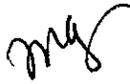




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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (MMRV)
Vaccine Becoming Available

Texas has received notification from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that they expect to have a contract in place and to reinstate ordering of ProQuad[®], the Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (MMRV) vaccine in November 2012. Currently, providers who have MMRV as a vaccine choice in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system are seeing substituted products when they place orders (since MMRV is not offered). As soon as the CDC confirms that the product is available for order (possibly early November), the substitution will be turned off and MMRV will be available for live order. If providers wish to add MMRV as a vaccine choice, they will be able to do so in EVI from November 7th-16th using the *Update Choice* tab.

To prevent measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a two-dose vaccine schedule in childhood, with the first dose administered at age 12 to 15 months and the second dose at age 4 to 6 years. MMRV vaccine may be used for children aged 12 months to 12 years instead of the separate measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR) and varicella vaccines.

In June 2009, ACIP adopted new recommendations regarding use of MMRV vaccine for the first and second doses and identified a personal or family history of seizure as a precaution for use of

MMRV vaccine. These recommendations are available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5903a1.htm>)

If you have questions regarding MMRV ordering or vaccine choice, please contact your Health Service Region or Local Health Department representative.