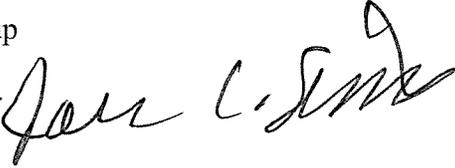




Memorandum

TO: Directors, Health Service Regions
Immunization Program Managers, Health Service Regions

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DATE: May 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Vaccine Choice Selection

Regional and local health departments are encouraged to share the following message with all clinics enrolled in the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) or adult safety net vaccine programs.

On September 1, 2010, providers began to use the TVFC Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system to place regularly scheduled vaccine orders online, and to receive their choice of vaccine brands and presentations. Since that time the TVFC has been working to develop a way for providers to update their vaccine choices. The EVI system now has a feature that allows providers to adjust their vaccine options. Beginning on Monday May 16, 2011, at approximately 9 a.m. through May 27, 2011 at 5 p.m., providers can use the EVI system "Update Choice" tab to adjust vaccine choices.

An Updating Vaccine Choice training is now available for providers to review and can be accessed at <http://www.upp.com/vacchoice/>. All appropriate provider staff should plan to take this training prior to using the "Update Choice" tab in EVI. The training should take about 20 minutes and includes written instructions as well as an audio format.

A printed version of the presentation will be published on the Vaccine Choice website under Training at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/choice/default.shtm>. Please note: The "Update Choice" tab in EVI referenced throughout the training will not be activated or visible until May 16th.

Providers will have only the designated two weeks to make changes; after which the "Update Choice" tab will be removed. If nothing is changed, providers will continue to receive the same vaccines for the next quarter. Choice updates will be available on a quarterly schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vaccine Call Center at 888-777-5320.