



Memorandum

TO: Directors, Health Service Regions
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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.

Beginning on Tuesday August 16, 2011, at approximately 9 a.m. through August 29, 2011 at noon, providers can use the EVI system "Update Choice" tab to adjust vaccine choices. It is important to place your current month's vaccine order first before selecting your new choices. Placing your order first will help to prevent backorders, and delays in shipments from the McKesson distribution center.

An Updating Vaccine Choice training is available for providers to review and can be accessed at <http://www.upp.com/vacchoice/index.html>. 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 is available 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 August 16th.

Providers will have only the designated timeframe to make changes; after August 29, 2011, the "Update Choice" tab will be removed. If nothing is changed, providers will continue to receive the same vaccines for the next quarter. The next choice update is scheduled for November 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vaccine Call Center @ 1-888-777-5320.