



Memorandum

TO: Directors, Health Service Regions
Immunization Program Managers, Health Service Regions
Directors, Local Health Departments
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TVFC Providers

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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: 2012-2013 FluMist® Replacement Program

MedImmune, Inc., the manufacturer of FluMist® intranasal flu vaccine, has released a letter explaining the process for the 2012-2013 FluMist® Replacement Program. The letter is attached to this email and is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/med-imm-rrf-instruct.pdf>. The replacement program is specifically for vaccines purchased through the CDC contract, which includes all FluMist® doses received through the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program. Doses eligible for replacement must expire between August 2012 and January 31, 2013 and requests for replacement must be made by January 31, 2013.

TVFC Providers who utilize the replacement program should not report replaced doses as a loss. Once doses are sent to MedImmune, providers should account for the reduced inventory using the C-33 Reconciliation page in Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI). Use the drop down to select "Sent for FluMist Replacement" as the reason for having fewer doses on hand than calculated. Once replacement doses are received, providers should include the new doses as inventory EVI in the system using Add Line.

To request replacement doses, or if you have any questions regarding the Replacement Program, please call the MedImmune Replacement Hotline at 877-633-7375. Live responses to Hotline calls begin November 19, 2012. If you have other questions regarding the seasonal influenza vaccine, please call your local health department, health service region, or TVFC consultant.

Attachment: FluMist® 2012-2013 Replacement Program Letter



TO: Immunization Provider or Grantee

RE: FluMist[®] 2012-2013 Replacement Program

This letter is to inform you of the FluMist[®] Replacement Program for product purchased through the CDC contract for 2012-2013 ("Replacement Program"). The Replacement Program allows for the replacement of unused, expiring FluMist doses, at no cost, to help you maximize product usage opportunities. MedImmune has contracted with McKesson Specialty Health Distribution for implementation of this Replacement Program. **This contract is between MedImmune and McKesson, and is separate from and unrelated to the CDC's contract for centralized product distribution.** The Replacement Program requirements are listed below:

- FluMist doses must be purchased through the CDC contract and must expire between August 2012 and January 31, 2013 to be eligible for the Replacement Program.
- Product must be used on a first-to-expire/first-used basis to be eligible for the Replacement Program.
- Providers or Grantees have from 15 days prior to the expiration date stamped on the sprayer until January 31, 2013 to request replacement doses. Any doses sent prior to 15 days of expiry will not be replaced.
- Requests for replacement doses by Providers or Grantees will be accepted until 7:00 PM (CT) on January 31, 2013. Requests for replacement doses after this date will not be honored. All requests should be placed with McKesson Specialty Health by calling 1-877-633-7375.
- All expired/expiring doses must be received by McKesson by Friday, February 15, 2013. Replacement product will not be shipped until expired/expiring doses are received.
- Replacement Request Rounding:
 - All requests for replacement doses must be in multiples of 10 units of product. It is permissible to mix doses from multiple eligible expired Lots to achieve a minimum of 10 units. Requests not in multiples of 10 will be rounded down to the nearest multiple of 10. Rounding up is prohibited.
 - There will be no credit for doses returned in excess of those shipped for replacement.

The process to request replacement product is outlined below:

- 1) Call McKesson Specialty Health's MedImmune FluMist CDC Replacement Request line at 1-877-633-7375. Call center operating hours are 7:00 am CT -- 7:00 pm CT, Monday through Friday.
- 2) McKesson Specialty Health will instruct Providers or Grantees on date and time of pickup and provide all necessary instructions and return shipping labels at the time of call. Providers or Grantees are to pack FluMist and have it ready for the scheduled pick-up day. FluMist does not have to be returned cold.
- 3) Providers or Grantees are to place only the doses confirmed on the phone with McKesson Specialty Health in the box for return. **NOTE: Any doses included that were not confirmed during the original replacement request call will not be replaced.**
- 4) Within 1 business day from receipt of request and verification of information, McKesson Specialty Health's preferred courier partner will pick up the boxed FluMist from the specified location at no charge to the Provider.
- 5) Upon receipt and verification of the expired/expiring doses with the replacement request information provided to McKesson Specialty Health's Call Center, replacement doses will be shipped at no charge to you.

If you have any questions regarding the Replacement Program, please call 1-877-633-7375. **Live response to inbound calls on the Replacement Hotline will begin on November 19, 2012.**