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Dear Healthcare Provider:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch would like to invite you to participate in the DSHS Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program.

The DSHS ASN Program provides publically purchased vaccine at no cost to medical providers enrolled in the program, making vaccines more accessible to the uninsured adult population.

In order for an adult to be eligible for the DSHS ASN Program, the client must be uninsured. Adults who have Medicare, Medicaid, or any other private insurance are not eligible for vaccines as part of the ASN Program. In addition, clients who are underinsured (have insurance that does not cover immunizations) are not eligible to receive vaccines that are provided as part of the ASN Program. Providers enrolled in the ASN program may charge eligible clients an administration fee of up to \$25.00 per dose per client. If the client is unable to pay for the administration fee of the vaccine, the provider cannot deny the vaccine to the uninsured client.

The DSHS Adult Eligibility Screening Record (attached) is required to be completed when administering any ASN vaccine to an uninsured adult. The provider must retain this form for a minimum of five years and must make it available upon request from DSHS or the Local Health Department (LHD) to ensure program accountability and client eligibility.

The current DSHS ASN vaccine formulary includes the following vaccines:

- Tdap
- Td
- Hepatitis B
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella

Providers who enroll in the DSHS ASN Program can only vaccinate uninsured adults. Providers must screen a client at each visit to ensure program eligibility. In addition, all ASN providers must agree to comply with the policies and requirements of both the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program, as well as the ASN Program. The policies for each of these programs are included as attachments to this letter.

Eligible provider types that may enroll in the ASN Program include public clinics that are formally recognized as one of the following:

- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- DSHS Health Service Region Office (HSR)

- Local Health Department (LHD)
- HIV or STD Clinic
- Family Planning Clinic (FPC)
- Substance Abuse Clinic (Opioid Replacement Clinics and Methadone Clinics)

Provider sites who are enrolled in the ASN Program may promote the availability of these vaccines to the uninsured clients. Providers may conduct off-site, mobile vaccination clinics that offer ASN vaccines to uninsured adults, only if the screening eligibility form is completed and vaccine storage and handling guidelines are followed.

The DSHS Immunization Branch encourages you to consider enrolling in the ASN Program to ensure that uninsured adults have access to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended adult vaccines. For more information on how to enroll in the ASN Program, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region (HSR) or Local Health Department for assistance. Both are available to assist you in the enrollment process. In addition, a contact list of the DSHS Adult Coordinators for each HSR is included as an attachment to this letter. These coordinators can help answer questions about the TVFC or ASN Program or direct you to the appropriate HSR or LHD.

Once you are enrolled in the ASN Program, please actively inform your patients that you are now an ASN provider and immunize eligible patients. Please visit our website at [www.ImmunizeTexas.com](http://www.ImmunizeTexas.com) for more information about the TVFC and ASN Program.

Thank you very much for your consideration in enrolling in this very important program.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Texas DSHS Adult Safety Net Enrollment Form  
Texas DSHS Texas Vaccines for Children Enrollment Form  
Texas DSHS Regional Adult Immunization Coordinator Contacts  
Texas DSHS Adult Safety Net Screening Form