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Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider,

Pentacel[®] [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] vaccine remains under allocation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, effective April 23, 2014, Pentacel[®] will be available for providers to order in limited quantities. As such, the Immunization Branch requests all TVFC providers to be strategic when ordering and administering single antigen and combination vaccines.

It is extremely important for providers to review their population profiles, current inventories, projected usage, and implementation plan when determining which vaccines they will order. Please do not order above your suggested order amount in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory system (EVI).

The TVFC Program will not allow providers to transfer existing single antigen vaccines to other TVFC providers in favor of ordering increased amounts of the combination vaccine. Providers must continue to use their existing inventory of all products as additional doses of combination vaccines are made available. TVFC provider orders of Pentacel[®] will be compared to current stock levels of single antigen vaccines to ensure that doses with shorter expiration dates are used first and not at risk of expiring.

The TVFC Program hopes to reduce the need for allocations of Pentacel[®]. Further notifications will be communicated as additional information is shared with the TVFC Program from the CDC and the vaccine manufacturer.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate Health Service Region below.

| PINS Beginning With | Health Service Region | Phone Number |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 01 | HSR 1 | 806-783-6416 |
| 02 | HSR 2 | 325-795-5660 |
| 03 | HSR 3 | 817-264-4793 |
| 04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties | HSR 4/5N | 903-533-5310 |
| 05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties or 06 or 25 | HSR 6/5S | 713-767-3410 |
| 07 | HSR 7 | 254-778-6744 |
| 08 or 00 | HSR 8 | 210-949-2067 |
| 09 | HSR 9 | 432-571-4132 |
| 10 | HSR 10 | 915-834-7924 |
| 11 | HSR 11 | 956-421-5552 |

Sincerely,



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