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**TO:** Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Pediarix<sup>®</sup> and Pentacel<sup>®</sup> Vaccine Supply Update

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Pediarix<sup>®</sup> [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Hepatitis B (Recombinant) and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] and Pentacel<sup>®</sup> [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] are still under strict CDC allocation. Starting July 1, both will be available to order in limited amounts. As such, we request all TVFC providers to be strategic ordering and administering single antigen and combination vaccines.

Maximum Stock Levels (MSLs) for both combination vaccines will be adjusted in accordance with the amount of doses that are allocated to the TVFC Program by the CDC. Please do not order above your suggested order amount in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory system (EVI).

It is extremely important that providers review their provider profiles, current inventories, projected usage, and implementation plan when determining which vaccines they will order during the final stages of this combination vaccine allocation.

The TVFC Program will not allow providers to transfer existing single antigen vaccines to other TVFC providers in favor of ordering increased amounts of combination vaccines. Providers must continue to use their existing inventory of all products as additional doses of combination vaccines are made available throughout the summer. TVFC provider orders of combination vaccines 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 both combination products by September or early October. Further notifications will be distributed as additional information is shared with the TVFC Program from the CDC and the vaccine manufacturers.

If you have questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant. The Regional Consultants' contact information is included below.

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