



Memorandum

TO: Regional Directors, Public Health Regions
Regional Immunization Program Managers, Health Service Regions, Local Health
Department Managers

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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Pediarix[®] (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis,
hepatitis B, and polio) Vaccine Change to Syringes

This notice is to inform Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) providers of an upcoming change to the packaging and presentation of the Pediarix[®] (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and polio) vaccine.

Beginning in April 2008, TVFC will begin replacing the current single dose vials of Pediarix[®], with prefilled syringes (PFS) NDC 58160-811-46. The syringes will be available in packages of five one-dose (0.5 mL) units and will not include needles. Providers will need to supply needles for intramuscular administration, and ensure that sufficient storage space is available to accommodate the larger packaging.

Please note that there are no changes to the storage requirements, dosing, and administration of the prefilled syringes as compared to the vials. The CPT code 90723 for the PFS will not change.

Providers should continue to monitor and rotate their stock to assure that the vaccine with the shortest expiration date is used first.

Please contact your Health Service Region, Local Health Department, or Texas Vaccines for Children consultant if additional information is needed.