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Re: Updated Process for Determining Provider Maximum Stock Levels

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net Providers,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends that providers place orders when they have a 30-day supply of vaccine available, to ensure there is enough vaccine in stock to allow for any potential delays. The CDC recommends smaller, more frequent orders rather than larger orders to minimize the amount of vaccines lost if an incident occurs during shipment or with the vaccine storage unit.

Following this recommendation, all Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) and Adult Safety Net (ASN) providers will be placed on a monthly ordering frequency (60-day supply) of vaccine inventory beginning February 1, 2017. Providers will not be required to place an order each month, but as needed to maintain a 60-day supply of vaccine. Providers are required to complete and submit monthly reports whether a vaccine order is placed, or not.

Each provider's maximum stock level (MSL) will be calculated twice each year to accommodate seasonal ordering patterns. This is a calculated peak dose inventory (per vaccine type) and is the standard number of doses a TVFC provider can order each month to maintain a 60-day inventory.

Effective February 1, 2017, providers may not order vaccines in excess of their suggested quantity in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. Providers may place a second vaccine order within a given month, as long as all required reporting has been submitted and the vaccine order does not exceed their monthly MSL. Providers must request review and permission from their responsible entity: Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Region (HSR) or Local Health Department (LHD) prior to ordering outside of their suggested quantity.

A provider's MSL may be increased or decreased at any time if the number of TVFC eligible children or ASN adults served changes, or if there are any applicable changes to the status of the facility that might impact vaccine usage. TVFC and ASN providers can notify their responsible entity (DSHS HSR or LHD) if they feel a change is needed. Changes may also be made by the DSHS Immunization Unit based upon data gathered during the calendar year.

Providers that consistently order below their suggested quantity may have their MSL lowered. Providers that place multiple orders during a given month, may have their MSL increased. Final determination is made depending on the frequency and duration of the provider's ordering pattern.

TVFC and ASN providers must have adequate refrigeration and/or freezer space to accommodate their maximum order based on their MSL. TVFC and ASN providers must also take into consideration the space needed for their private stock when calculating storage capacity.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC and ASN Program. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate TVFC Contact listed below.

PINS Beginning With	TVFC Contact	Phone Number
00	City of San Antonio	210-207-4015
01	Health Service Region 1	806-783-6412
02	Health Service Region 2	325-795-5660
03	Health Service Region 3	817-264-4790
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	Health Service Region 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties, 06	Health Service Region 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	Health Service Region 7	254-778-6744
08	Health Service Region 8	210-949-2067
09	Health Service Region 9	432-571-4137
10	Health Service Region I0	915-834-7924
11	Health Service Region 11	956-421-5552
25	City of Houston	832-393-5188

Sincerely,



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