



April 4, 2024

## **RE: Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program Notification Letter**

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

You are informed by the Immunization Section of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) of a CDC-required quality improvement initiative conducted with private providers enrolled in the TVFC program.

The purpose of the Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) is to promote and support the implementation of provider level quality improvement strategies designed to help increase on-time vaccination of children and adolescents. In this 12-month process IQIP consultants collaborate with TVFC providers to identify Quality Improvement (QI) strategies to increase vaccine uptake.

Texas law requires all medical providers to report all immunizations administered to clients younger than 18 years of age to the Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac2). IQIP assists in determining a site's success at meeting this requirement, while also assessing vaccination coverage.

An IQIP consultant will provide you vaccination coverage rates for your childhood and adolescent cohorts, which were assessed using ImmTrac2 data, during the initial IQIP visit. Providers will work with the IQIP consultant to identify two QI strategies to implement and develop a Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP). The consultant will transition into a TVFC compliance site visit where vaccine management plan, eligibility screening protocols and vaccine storage and handling practices and procedures will be reviewed once this portion of the site visit is completed.

Check-ins will be scheduled and conducted by a Texas DSHS IQIP coordinator at two-months and six-months after the initial IQIP site visit. They will review progress toward strategy implementation and update your SIP as needed. At 12-months, a follow-up will be conducted to review your progress towards strategy implementation and year-over-year coverage change.

The ImmTrac2 Interoperability team will work closely with providers to address and resolve any data exchange issues identified. Resources are available to assist in your efforts to improve immunization reporting into ImmTrac2.

We will inform you in advance if your site is selected for an IQIP site visit this year. Contact your Responsible Entity in the table below if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued commitment in assisting DSHS with eliminating the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases by increasing vaccine coverage for Texans.

| <b>PINS Beginning With</b>                                   | <b>TVFC Contact</b> | <b>Phone Number</b> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>00</b>  | City of San Antonio | 210-207-3965        |
| <b>01</b>  | HSR 1               | 806-783-6412        |
| <b>02</b>  | HSR 2               | 325-795-5660        |
| <b>03</b>  | HSR 3               | 817-264-4582        |
| <b>04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson, or Orange Counties</b> | HSR 4/5N            | 903-533-5310        |
| <b>05 in Hardin, Jefferson, or Orange Counties, 06</b>       | HSR 6/5S            | 713-767-3410        |
| <b>07</b>  | HSR 7               | 254-778-6744        |
| <b>08</b>  | HSR 8               | 210-949-2122        |
| <b>09</b>  | HSR 9               | 432-683-9492        |
| <b>10</b>  | HSR 10              | 915-212-6620 11     |
| <b>11</b>  | HSR 11              | 956-421-5552        |
| <b>25</b>  | City of Houston     | 832-393-542         |

Thank you,

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