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DAVID L. LAKEY, M.D. COMMISSIONER

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RE: Addition of Prevnar® to Adult Safety Net Formulary

Dear Texas Adult Safety New Provider,

The Immunization Branch would like to inform you that effective Monday, November 10, 2014, the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program will expand the existing formulary to include the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13, Prevnar^{®)}. Please use this opportunity to order PCV13 and incorporate its administration into the routine care of your adult population.

Prevnar 13[®] will now be routinely available for all ASN providers and can be administered to any eligible adult client. Eligibility includes any adult aged 19 and older with no health insurance. The existing formulary will continue to be available to all ASN providers and all eligible adult clients and includes the following:

- Hepatitis A Vaccine
- Hepatitis B Vaccine
- Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B combination Vaccine (Twinrix®)
- Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
- Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine
- Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids (Td) Vaccine
- Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) Vaccine
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

Completion of the DSHS Adult Eligibility Screening Record (Stock #EF11-12842) is required when administering any ASN vaccine to an uninsured adult. Providers must retain this form for a minimum of five years and must make it available upon request from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or the Local Health Department (LHD) to ensure program accountability and client eligibility.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have additional questions please contact your DSHS HSR or LHD. Additionally, you can visit the ASN website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/ASN for the latest ASN Program news, policy updates and resources.

Sincerely,

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