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RE: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Temperature Recording Form Update

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider,

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program will implement a new temperature recording form which will be required beginning January 1, 2015. The new form will provide additional assurance that VFC vaccines administered to eligible children are appropriately stored and managed. TVFC providers can start using these forms immediately to help with the required transition time line.

The new temperature recording form requires, minimum and maximum (MIN/MAX) temperatures be read and documented at the beginning of each workday. It is important that the MIN/MAX temperature recordings be cleared after each daily reading. This helps to ensure that temperature excursions are identified quickly and corrections are made to prevent vaccine loss.

In addition, the following TVFC temperature log requirements are mandatory for all providers:

- Temperatures must be recorded on TVFC-provided temperature logs, even if using a continuous temperature-recording device or digital data logger.
- Temperature logs must be posted on each vaccine storage unit door or nearby in a readily accessible and visible location.
- Temperature logs must be maintained for five years.

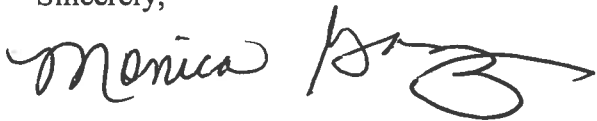
A copy of the new temperature recording form is attached to this letter and is also located on the Immunization Branch's website at: www.immunizetexas.com. If you have questions, please contact the appropriate DSHS Health Service Region listed below.

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01	HSR 1	806-783-6416
02	HSR 2	325-795-5660
03	HSR 3	817-264-4793
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties or 06 or 25	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08 or 00	HSR 8	210-949-2067
09	HSR 9	432-571-4132
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552

Sincerely,



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