

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department  
**INCOME GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES - SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE**  
**IMMUNIZATIONS**  
 (Monthly Income)

Family Size	0 – 100 %	101 – 185 %	186 – 200 %	201 % & Over
1	\$ 0 - \$ 958.00	\$ 959.00 - \$ 1,772.00	\$ 1,773.00 - \$ 1,915.00	\$1,916.00
2	\$ 0 - \$ 1,293.00	\$ 1,294.00 - \$ 2,392.00	\$ 2,393.00 - \$ 2,585.00	\$2,586.00
3	\$ 0 - \$ 1,628.00	\$ 1,629.00 - \$ 3,011.00	\$ 3,012.00 - \$ 3,255.00	\$3,256.00
4	\$ 0 - \$ 1,963.00	\$ 1,964.00 - \$ 3,631.00	\$ 3,632.00 - \$ 3,925.00	\$3,926.00
5	\$ 0 - \$ 2,298.00	\$ 2,299.00 - \$ 4,251.00	\$ 4,252.00 - \$ 4,595.00	\$4,596.00
6	\$ 0 - \$ 2,633.00	\$ 2,634.00 - \$ 4,871.00	\$ 4,872.00 - \$ 5,265.00	\$5,266.00
7	\$ 0 - \$ 2,968.00	\$ 2,969.00 - \$ 5,490.00	\$ 5,491.00 - \$ 5,935.00	\$5,936.00
8	\$ 0 - \$ 3,303.00	\$ 3,304.00 - \$ 6,110.00	\$ 6,111.00 - \$ 6,605.00	\$6,606.00
<b>FEE PER VACCINE</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$20 Max Charge</b>

DO NOT COLLECT ON ANY PREVIOUS BALANCES.

ADULT IMMUNIZATION EXPANSION PROGRAM \$20 PER VACCINE

This schedule shall be used to determine if a client is eligible to pay in accordance with the Eligibility Guidelines: however, services shall not be denied due to inability to pay.

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**TO:** Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

**FROM:** Saroj Rai, Ph.D.   
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**DATE:** April 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Increase in Vaccine Administration Fee

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Effective immediately, the maximum administration fee that a Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) provider may charge an eligible TVFC patient has increased from \$14.85 to \$22.06 per dose (except for those children who are enrolled in Texas Medicaid or the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)). For Texas Medicaid and CHIP eligible patients, the provider should continue to bill the administration fee to the appropriate health plan. If a TVFC provider does not bill CHIP for the administration of a vaccine to a CHIP enrolled child, the provider cannot use TVFC vaccines for this child. Both the Texas Medicaid and CHIP agencies establish their own policies and administration fees. For more information on Medicaid reimbursement, please refer to the Texas Medicaid Provider home page at: [http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Medicaid/Medicaid\\_home.aspx](http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Medicaid/Medicaid_home.aspx)

Providers can charge or bill an administration fee per shot for a TVFC eligible child. However, the provider cannot deny the administration of a qualified pediatric vaccine to a vaccine-eligible child due to the inability of the guardian/parent to pay an administration fee.

In addition, providers may not send a bill for the vaccine administration fee for a TVFC patient to collections if the guardian/parent cannot afford to pay (i.e., if the parent does not pay the bill). The provider can send the office visit fee or any other visit fee (e.g., labs) to collections if unpaid, but not the vaccine administration fee. For additional information on the VFC statutory requirements regarding the vaccine administration fee, please go to the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) link: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/questions/qa-fees.html>

If you have questions, please contact your Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant.