

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT 2014-000022-00**



This Contract is entered into by and between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS or the Department), an agency of the State of Texas, and Hidalgo County (Contractor), a Governmental, (collectively, the Parties) entity.

- 1. Purpose of the Contract:** DSHS agrees to purchase, and Contractor agrees to provide, services or goods to the eligible populations.
- 2. Total Amount:** The total amount of this Contract is \$649,320.00.
- 3. Funding Obligation:** This Contract is contingent upon the continued availability of funding. If funds become unavailable through lack of appropriations, budget cuts, transfer of funds between programs or health and human services agencies, amendment to the Appropriations Act, health and human services agency consolidation, or any other disruptions of current appropriated funding for this Contract, DSHS may restrict, reduce, or terminate funding under this Contract.
- 4. Term of the Contract:** This Contract begins on 09/01/2013 and ends on 08/31/2014. DSHS has the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Contract. DSHS is not responsible for payment under this Contract before both parties have signed the Contract or before the start date of the Contract, whichever is later.
- 5. Authority:** DSHS enters into this Contract under the authority of Health and Safety Code, Chapter 1001.
- 6. Program Name:** IMM/LOCALS Immunization Branch-Locals

7. Statement of Work:

Contractor shall implement and operate an immunization program for children, adolescents, and adults, with special emphasis on accelerating interventions to improve the immunization coverage of children two (2) years of age or younger (0 to 35 months of age). Contractor shall incorporate traditional and non-traditional systematic approaches designed to eliminate barriers, expand immunization capacity, and establish uniform operating policies, as described herein.

Contractor shall perform the activities required under this Program Attachment in the Service Area designated in the most recent version of Section 8. "Service Area" of this contract.

Contractor shall be enrolled as a provider in the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) which includes a signed Deputization Addendum to TVFC Provider Enrollment Form (E6-102), by the effective date of this Program Attachment, and must adhere to the TVFC Operations Manual and associated TVFC policy guidelines provided by DSHS (located at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/tvfc_manual.shtm).

Contractor shall comply with written policies and procedures provided by DSHS in managing vaccines supplied through the TVFC program, including guidelines for proper storage and handling of vaccines and for safeguarding vaccine in the event of natural disaster. Contractor shall comply with all requirements laid out in the final, approved Work Plan (Exhibit A).

- Contractor will use the current vaccine management system as described in the TVFC Operations Manual.
- Contractor shall notify providers of changes to vaccine management reporting, and present updates and training to providers, as requested by DSHS.
- Contractor shall plan and implement community-based activities and collaborations to accomplish the required tasks as specified in the final, approved Work Plan (Exhibit A).

Contractor shall report all reportable conditions as specified in 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Part I §§97.1-97.6 and §§97.101-97.102, and as otherwise required by law.

Contractor shall report all vaccine adverse event occurrences in accordance with the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-25 (located at <http://vaers.hhs.gov/> or 1-800-822-7967).

Contractor shall inform and educate the public about vaccines, and vaccine-preventable diseases, as described in the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Contractor shall conduct outreach and collaborative activities with American Indian tribes located within the boundaries of the contractor's jurisdiction.

Contractor shall work to promote a health care workforce within the Local Health Department's service area (including Contractor's staff) that is knowledgeable about vaccines, vaccine safety, vaccine-preventable diseases, and delivery of immunization services.

Contractor shall not deny vaccinations to recipients because they do not reside within Contractor's jurisdiction or because of an inability to pay an administration fee.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state regulations and statutes, including but not limited to:

- Human Resources Code §42.043, VTCA;
- Education Code §§38.001-38.002, VTCA;
- Health and Safety Code §§12.032, 81.023 and 161.001-161.009, VTCA;
- 25 TAC Chapter 97;
- 25 TAC, Chapter 96;
- 25 TAC, Chapter 100;
- 42 USC §§247b and 300 aa-25;
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, 26 USC §4980B; and Senate Bill 346.

Contractor shall comply with current applicable state and federal standards, policies and guidelines, including but not limited to DSHS's Standards for Public Health Clinic Services, revised August 31, 2004 (located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/qmb/default.shtm#public>).

Contractor shall be responsible for conducting outreach regarding vaccinations for children (19 through 35 months of age in the Contractor's jurisdiction) included on the list distributed to Contractor by DSHS. Lists are distributed at the start of each quarterly reporting period (September 01, 2013, December 01, 2013, March 01, 2014, June 01, 2014.).

Contractor must receive written approval from DSHS before varying from applicable policies, procedures, protocols, and/or work plans, and must update and disseminate its implementation documentation to its staff involved in activities under this contract within forty-eight (48) hours of making approved changes.

Contractor shall review monthly grant funding expenditures and salary savings from any grant-paid staff vacancies and revise spending plan to ensure that all funds will be properly expended under this contract before the end of the contract term on August 31, 2014.

DSHS reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect funds in the event of financial shortfalls. DSHS will monitor Contractor's expenditures on a monthly basis. If expenditures are below what is projected in Contractor's total Program Attachment amount, Contractor's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Contract term. Vacant positions existing after ninety (90) days may result in a decrease in funds.

Performance Measures:

The following performance measure(s) will be used, in part, to assess Contractor's effectiveness in providing the services described in this Program Attachment, without waiving the enforceability of any of the terms of the Contract.

Contractor shall:

- Investigate and document, in accordance with DSHS Texas Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance Guidelines (located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/investigation/conditions/>) and NBS Data Entry Guidelines, at least 90% of suspected reportable vaccine-preventable disease cases within thirty (30) days of notification.
- Complete 100% of the follow-up activities, designated by DSHS, for TVFC provider quality assurance site visits assigned by DSHS.

- Ship overstocked vaccines and vaccines approaching expiration to alternate providers for immediate use when instructed to do so by the HSR Immunization Program Manager to avoid vaccine waste.
- Contact and provide case management to 100% of the number of hepatitis B surface antigen-positive pregnant women identified.
- Contact 100% or 300 per FTE (whichever is fewer) families of children who are not up-to-date on their immunizations according to the ImmTrac-generated list provided to the LHD by DSHS at the beginning of each reporting period.
- Perform outreach and education activities targeting adolescents 14 to 18 years of age and their parents via high schools, colleges and universities, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and military recruitment centers to satisfy Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 161, Subsection A, Section 161.0095 requirements
- Participate in at least one collaborative meeting concerning tribal health issues, concerns, or needs with American Indian tribal members during the contract term if American Indian tribes are in their jurisdiction.
- Report outreach done, and collaborative efforts made, with the American Indian tribes in the LHD's jurisdiction.
- Review 100% of monthly biological reports, vaccine order forms (when applicable), and temperature logs for accuracy to ensure the vaccine supply is within established maximum stock levels.
- Complete 100% of child-care facility and Head Start center assessments, in accordance with the Immunization Population Assessment Manual, as assigned by DSHS.
- Complete 100% of public and private school assessments, retrospective surveys, and validation surveys, in accordance with the Immunization Population Assessment Manual, as assigned by DSHS.
- Report number of doses administered to underinsured children monthly, as directed by DSHS.
- Report the number of unduplicated underinsured clients served, as directed by DSHS.

Contractor shall utilize the AFIX (Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange) methodology, found in the Immunization Quality Assurance Tool Resource Manual, (located at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/QA_site_visit.pdf) to conduct quality assurance site-visits for all sub-contracted entities and non-local health department Women, Infant and Children (WIC) clinics. Assessment shall be done using the DSHS Immunization Quality Assurance Site Visit tool provided by DSHS and the Comprehensive Clinic Assessment Software Application (Co-CASA), as specified by the DSHS Program. Contractor shall submit assessment results to the designated DSHS Regional Immunization Program manager within two (2) weeks after completion.

Programmatic Reporting Submission Requirements:

Contractor is required to complete and submit a LHD ILA Quarterly Report form, utilizing the format provided by the DSHS Program and available at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/providers.shtm>

Contractors LHD ILA Quarterly Reports should be submitted electronically to dshsimmunizationcontracts@dshs.state.tx.us.

See Programmatic Reporting Requirements section for required reports.

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:

Contractor shall request payment electronically through the Contract Management and Procurement System (CMPS) with acceptable supporting documentation for reimbursement of the required services/deliverables. Billing will be performed according to CMPS instructions found at the following link <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cmeps/>. For assistance with CMPS, please email CMPS@dshs.state.tx.us or call 1-855-312-8474.

8. Service Area

Hidalgo County

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10. Procurement method:

Non-Competitive

Interagency/Interlocal

GST-2012-Solicitation-00022

DCPS "GOLIVE" IMMUNIZATION LOCALS
PROPOSAL

11. Renewals:

Number of Renewals Remaining: 0 Date Renewals Expire: 08/31/2014

12. Payment Method:

Cost Reimbursement

13. Source of Funds:

93.268, 93.268, 93.268, 93.268, 93.268, 93.268, STATE

14. DUNS Number:

103110834

15. Programmatic Reporting Requirements:

Report Name	Frequency	Period Begin	Period End	Due Date
LHD ILA Quarterly Report	Quarterly	09/01/2013	11/30/2013	12/30/2013
LHD ILA Quarterly Report	Quarterly	12/01/2013	02/28/2014	03/31/2014
LHD ILA Quarterly Report	Quarterly	03/01/2014	05/30/2014	06/30/2014
LHD ILA Quarterly Report	Quarterly	06/01/2014	08/31/2014	09/30/2014

16. Special Provisions

General Provisions, ARTICLE II SERVICES, Section 2.02 Disaster Services, is revised to include the following:

In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency the Contractor has the authority to utilize approximately 5% of staff's time supporting this Program Attachment for response efforts, as pre-approved in writing by DSHS. DSHS shall reimburse Contractor up to 5% of this Program Attachment funded by Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for personnel costs responding to an emergency event. Contractor shall maintain records to document the time spent on response efforts for auditing purposes. Allowable activities also include participation of drills and exercises in the pre-event time period. Contractor shall notify the Assigned Contract Manager in writing when this provision is implemented.

General Provision, ARTICLE III. FUNDING, Section 3.03 Use of Funds Section, is revised to include:

- Funds shall not be used for purchase of vaccines, inpatient care, construction of facilities, or debt retirement.
- Travel expenses shall be reimbursed according to Contractor's written travel policy, as submitted and approved with Contractor's FY2014 Application for Immunization Funds. If no written travel policy was submitted, or if the submitted policy is not approved by DSHS, travel expenses shall be reimbursed according to current State of Texas Travel Policy at <http://online.dshs.state.tx.us/traveloffice.aspx>

For immunization activities performed under this Program Attachment, General Provisions, ARTICLE XII. General Business Operations of Contractor, Section 12.06 Overtime Compensation, is replaced with the following paragraphs:

- Contractor is authorized to pay employees who are not exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 USC, Chapter 8, §201 et seq., for overtime or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half per FLSA.
- Contractor is authorized to pay employees who are exempt under FLSA on a straight time basis for work performed on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business operations.
- Authorization for payment under this provision is limited to work directly related to immunization activities and shall be in accordance with the amount budgeted in this contract Attachment. Contractor shall document proper authorization or approval for any work performed by exempt or non-exempt employees in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- All revenues directly generated by this Program Attachment or earned as a result of this Program Attachment during the term of this Program Attachment are considered program income; including income generated through Medicaid billings for immunization related clinic services. The Contractor shall use this program income to further the scope of work detailed in this Program Attachment, and must keep documentation to demonstrate such to DSHS's satisfaction. This program income may not be used to take the place of existing local, state, or federal program funds.

General Provisions, ARTICLE XIII. GENERAL TERMS, Section 13.15 Amendment, is amended to include the following:

Contractor must submit all amendment and revision requests in writing to the Division Contract Management Unit at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the term of this Program Attachment.

17. Documents Forming Contract. The Contract consists of the following:

- a. Contract (this document) 2014-000022-00
- b. General Provisions Subrecipient General Provisions
- c. Attachments Budgets

- d. Declarations Certification Regarding Lobbying, Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification
- e. Exhibits

Any changes made to the Contract, whether by edit or attachment, do not form part of the Contract unless expressly agreed to in writing by DSHS and Contractor and incorporated herein.

18. Conflicting Terms. In the event of conflicting terms among the documents forming this Contract, the order of control is first the Contract, then the General Provisions, then the Solicitation Document, if any, and then Contractor's response to the Solicitation Document, if any.

19. Payee. The Parties agree that the following payee is entitled to receive payment for services rendered by Contractor or goods received under this Contract:

Name: Hidalgo County
Vendor Identification Number: 17460007176 060

20. Entire Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that this Contract is the entire agreement of the Parties and that there are no agreements or understandings, written or oral, between them with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, other than as set forth in this Contract.

I certify that I am authorized to sign this document and I have read and agree to all parts of the contract, including any attachments and addendums.

Department of State Health Services

Hidalgo County

By:
Signature of Authorized Official

By:
Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Date

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1100 West 49th Street
Address
Austin, TX 787-4204
City, State, Zip

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Organization Name: Hidalgo County
 Contract Number: 2014-000022-00
 Proposal ID: DCPS-2014-Hidalgo -00031

Program ID: IMM/LOCALS
 Procurement ID: GST-2012-Solicitation-00022
 Procurement Name: DCPS "GOLIVE" IMMUNIZATION LOCALS PROPOSAL

Budget Categories

Budget Categories	DSHS Funds Requested	Cash Match	In Kind Match	Category Total
Personnel	\$447,726	\$0	\$0	\$447,726
Fringe Benefits	\$151,078	\$0	\$0	\$151,078
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$22,380	\$0	\$0	\$22,380
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$28,136	\$0	\$0	\$28,136
Total Direct Costs	\$649,320	\$0	\$0	\$649,320
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals:	\$649,320	\$0	\$0	\$649,320

Subcontracting

Subcontracting Percentage: 0.00%

Match Contributions

Required Match Percentage: % Calculated Match Percentage: 0.00%
 Required Match Amount: \$0 Calculated Match Amount: \$0

Source of Cash Match Funds

0 of 500

Source of In Kind Match Funds

0 of 500

Program Income

Projected Earnings: \$125,000

Source of Earnings

Program generated

17 of 500

Non DSHS Funding

Direct Federal Funds:	\$0
Other State Agency Funds:	\$0
Local Funding Sources:	\$497,609
Other Funds:	\$0
Total Projected Non DSHS Funding: \$497,609	

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Organization Name: Hidalgo County
Contract Number: 2014-000022-00

For contracts greater than \$100,000, this attachment is applicable and must be signed as part of the contract agreement.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or an employee of any agency, a member of congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of congress federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of congress in connection with this Standard Form-11, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Applicable Non-Applicable

Signature of Authorized Individual

Date:

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FISCAL FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) CERTIFICATION

The certifications enumerated below represent material facts upon which DSHS relies when reporting information to the federal government required under federal law. If the Department later determines that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, DSHS may pursue all available remedies in accordance with Texas and U.S. law. Signor further agrees that it will provide immediate written notice to DSHS if at any time Signor learns that any of the certifications provided for below were erroneous when submitted or have since become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. If the Signor cannot certify all of the statements contained in this section, Signor must provide written notice to DSHS detailing which of the below statements it cannot certify and why.

Organization Name Hidalgo County
 Address 1304 S 25th St
 City Edinburg State Texas Zip Code (9 digit) 78539

Payee Name Hidalgo County
 Address Hidalgo County Treasurer
 2810 S Business 281
 City Edinburg State TX Zip Code (9 digit) 78539-6243

Vendor identification No. 17460007176 060 MailCode 060

Payee DUNS No. *  103110834

1. Did your organization have a gross income, from all sources, of more than \$300,000 in your previous tax year? *

Yes No

2. Certification Regarding % of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive 80% or more of its annual gross revenue from federal awards during the preceding fiscal year?

Yes No

3. Certification Regarding Amount of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards in the preceding fiscal year?

Yes No

Identify contact persons for FFATA Correspondence. *

FFATA Contact Person #1

Name* Ramon Garcia
 Email* ramon.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us
 Telephone* (956) 318-2600

FFATA Contact Person #2

Name* Ray Eufrazio
 Email* ray.eufrazio@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us
 Telephone* (956) 318-2511

As the authorized representative of the Organization, I hereby certify that the statements made by me in this certification form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

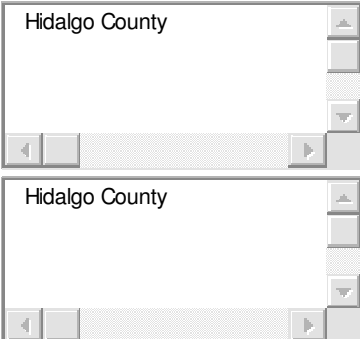
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EXHIBIT A

Organization Name:  Hidalgo County

Contract Number: 2014-000022-00

Program ID: IMM/LOCALS

Contract Term: 9/1/2013 - 8/31/2014

Program Name: Immunization Branch-
Locals

UNIT A

Program Stewardship and Accountability

Contractor General Requirement Unit A-1:

Implement a comprehensive immunization program. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Adhere to Standards for Child and Adolescent Immunization Practices and Standards for Adult Immunization Practices found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/H/standards-pediatric.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/H/standards-adult.pdf>.
- Maintain current policies in compliance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and have them available to Contractor's staff.
- Lapse no more than 5% of total funded amount of the contract.
 - o Maintain and adjust spending plan throughout the contract term to avoid lapsing funds.
 - o Account for and use Program Income appropriately throughout the contract term.
 - o Maintain staffing levels to meet required activities of the contract and to ensure that all funds in the personnel category are expended.
- Submit required Quarterly Local Health Department (LHD) Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) Reports to DSHS Immunization Contracts at dshsimmunizationcontracts@dshs.state.tx.us by Close of Business (COB) on December 30, 2013, March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014, and September 30, 2014 or the next business day if the date falls on a weekend or holiday.
- Submit Corrective Action Plan (CAP) letter to DSHS Contract Management Unit (CMU) within fifteen (15) business days after On-Site Evaluation if findings are not resolved at time of site visit to the satisfaction of the HSR Immunization Program Manager and DSHS Immunization Branch Contracts staff.

Contractor General Requirement Unit A-2:

Complete site visit follow-up assigned by DSHS Austin or Health Service Region staff within prescribed timeframes outlined in the TVFC Operations Manual. Activities under the requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Conduct site visit follow-up and submit results following the process described and within deadlines established in the TVFC Operations Manual.
- Conduct site visits in 100% of subcontracted entities as listed in the Inter-Local Application and non-Local Health Department WIC immunization clinics, if applicable.

Contractor General Requirement Unit A-3:

Ensure that expired, wasted, and unaccounted-for vaccines do not exceed 5% in Contractor's clinics. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and TVFC Operations Manual.

Activities:

- Ensure that expired, wasted, and unaccounted-for vaccines do not exceed 5% in Contractor's clinics.
- Ensure that all expired, spoiled/wasted vaccines is appropriately identified and entered into the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system.

- Maintain storage and handling policies and procedures according to the TVFC Operations Manual. (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/tvfc.manual.shtml>)
- Ensure that appropriate Vaccine Management plan is in place at each clinic location and that it includes an updated Emergency Contingency Plan.
- Ensure that overstocked vaccines or those vaccines nearing expiration are shipped to alternate providers as directed by the Health Service Region (HSR) Immunization Program managers, for timely use to avoid vaccine waste.

Contractor General Requirement A-4:

Implement a plan to assure that Section 317 vaccine is not provided inadvertently to fully privately insured individuals, including children covered by S-CHIP.

Establish and maintain protocols for screening individuals for eligibility and insurance coverage before administering Section 317 funded vaccines. Contractors may use Patient Eligibility Screening Form (C-10) or electronically store this information.

Any child who upon screening meets one of the eligibility criteria listed below and who is 18 years of age or younger qualifies for TVFC vaccine:

- Enrolled in Medicaid, or
- Enrolled in CHIP and the provider bills CHIP for the services, or
- Is an American Indian, or
- Is an Alaskan Native, or
- Does not have health insurance, or
- Is underinsured: has commercial (private) health insurance but coverage does not include vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (TVFC eligible for non-covered vaccines only); or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as underinsured.

UNIT B

Assessing Program Performance

Contractor General Requirement Unit B-1:

Conduct educational, promotional, and outreach activities for the general public to enhance immunization awareness, including distribution of DSHS-provided materials. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Establish collaborative efforts with appropriate community entities regarding promoting immunizations and the reduction of vaccine-preventable diseases. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Contractor will provide vaccine and immunization education to target audiences and to the general public on the benefits of vaccination, the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, staying on the ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule(s), and the importance of not missing any vaccines.
- Inform and educate parents of infants, children, adolescents, adults (men and women), grandparents, seniors, health-care providers, and the general public about vaccines for all age groups and vaccine-preventable diseases. Information should include the importance and benefits of being fully vaccinated, vaccine recommendations, and the location of community vaccination clinics.
- Conduct at least one monthly immunization education activity specifically directed to one of the target groups.
- Conduct at least twelve (12) outreach activities during the contract period in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 161, Subsection A, Section 161.0095, to each of the following audiences: 1.) high school students and their parents, 2.) universities/colleges, and 3.) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. (JROTC)/Military Recruitment Centers and report results on the Quarterly Report. If a JROTC or Military Recruitment Center is not available within the jurisdiction of the LHD, outreach activities may be focused on the other two groups mentioned above.
- Document the activity with the number and type of participants and evaluate activity by obtaining feedback from participants.
- Use national immunization observances as opportunities to conduct specific education and promotional activities to give emphasis to the importance and benefits of vaccines: National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), National Immunization Month (NIM), National Adult Immunization Week (NAIW), and National Influenza Week (NIW).
- Develop and implement a written communications and customer service plan to assure customers receive consistent, correct immunization information and services in a courteous and friendly manner on a timely basis.
- Participate in special initiatives as directed by DSHS, such as the Dairy Queen Coupon project, the Hallmark Card Governor's Program, and others.
- Participate in statewide media campaigns by distributing DSHS-developed and produced public service announcements and materials to local television and radio stations, newspapers, parent publications, university newspapers, high school newspapers, and neighborhood newspapers.
- Promote www.ImmunizeTexas.com, the Immunization Branch's website; The Upshot, electronic newsletter; and the Vaccine Advisory, vaccine newsletter to providers in the Contractor's jurisdiction.
- Promote and distribute immunization literature for the public to TVFC providers and Contractor's clinics.
- Provide information to clients, families, and the general public on the purpose of ImmTrac, the benefits of ImmTrac participation, and

the importance of maintaining a complete immunization history in ImmTrac.

- Inform the general public about the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program and the qualifications to participate in it.
- Distribute TVFC information and educational materials at venues where parents of TVFC-eligible children might frequent.
- Inform and highly recommend to the medical community and local providers within the Contractor's jurisdiction on the annual CDC Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Disease (EPI-VAC) training.

Establish collaborative efforts with appropriate community entities regarding promoting immunizations and the reduction of vaccine-preventable diseases. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Identify providers, hospitals, schools, child-care facilities, social service agencies, and community groups involved in promoting immunizations and reducing vaccine-preventable diseases.
- List and maintain contact information of group members and collaborations and identify the best practices they are promoting.
- Maintain written agreements and updates of group members and collaborations.
- Document communications, group meetings, and planning of activities that promote the Best Practices identified in contract agreement. Documents are to be accessible during site visits.
- Report new group members on the Quarterly Report.

Contractor General Requirement Unit B-2:

When assigned by DSHS, complete 100% of child-care facility and Head Start center assessments and child-care audits. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Population Assessment Manual.

When assigned by DSHS, complete 100% of public and private school assessments, retrospective surveys, and validation surveys. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Population Assessment Manual.

Activities:

- Complete and report 100% of required audits/assessments as assigned by the Immunization Branch, DSHS. These will include:
 - o Texas Child-Care Immunization Assessment
 - o Child-Care Audit
 - o Annual Report of Immunization Status (school self-assessments)
 - o School Audit
 - o Texas School Immunization Validation Survey
 - o Texas County Retrospective Immunization School Survey (TCRISS)
- Assigned surveys/assessments must be completed utilizing the instructions in DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and the Population Assessment Manual.
- For completed audits/assessments, monitor vaccination and exemptions per respective areas.
- Based upon survey/audit findings as completed, analyze, provide feedback, and monitor vaccination trends for public school districts, private schools, licensed child-care facilities, and registered family homes to increase vaccination coverage using audit/assessment data. Identify trends and areas of need for local health department jurisdictions and coordinate interventions.
- Collaborate with school/child-care facilities and registered family homes to afford needed improvements. Report these results/findings to the Assessment, Compliance and Evaluation Group, Immunization Branch, DSHS.

Contractor General Requirement B-3:

Work with VFC providers on quality improvement processes to increase coverage levels and decrease missed opportunities using AFIX components, as appropriate, and move toward use of IIS as primary source of data for provider coverage level assessment by the end of project period.

- Conduct site visits using AFIX (CoCASA) in 100% of subcontracted entities as listed in the Inter-Local Application and non-Local Health Department WIC immunization clinics, if applicable.

Contractor General Requirement B-4:

Investigate and document at least 90% of reportable suspected vaccine-preventable disease cases within thirty (30) days of notification in accordance with DSHS Texas Vaccine-Preventable Disease (VPD) Surveillance Guidelines (http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/vaccine_preventable_diseases/resources/) and National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS). Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Adhere to the DSHS VPD Surveillance Guidelines, NEDSS Data Entry Guidelines, and Epi-Case Criteria Guide (<https://txnedss.dshs.state.tx.us:8009/PHINDox/UserResources/Epi%20Case%20Criteria%20Guide%202012.pdf>) in conducting this General Requirement and the associated activities.
- Complete all data entry into NEDSS Base System (NBS) following the NBS data Entry Guidelines. (https://txnedss.dshs.state.tx.us:8009/PHINDox/UserResources/Data_Entry_Guidelines_2007.pdf).
- Verify and enter complete vaccination history in NBS on all VPD investigations with case status of confirmed or probable. Complete vaccination history should be assessed through ImmTrac, provider offices, school records, or patient records.
- Routinely review and follow up on all VPD laboratory reports received, including electronic lab reports (ELRs) sent from DSHS through NBS and Health Alert Network (HAN).
- Provide feedback on any unmet performance measures during each Quarterly Report review.
- All new VPD surveillance staff will attend Introduction to NBS training and complete the certification process in order to gain access to the NBS system.
- Submit case and/or death notifications to CDC.
- Designate staff to coordinate VAERS and Vaccine Safety Activities.
- Encourage providers to report possible vaccine adverse reactions to CDC on a timely basis through <http://vaers.hhs.gov/index>

Contractor General Requirement Unit B-4:

Educate, inform, and train the medical community and local providers within Contractor's jurisdiction on immunization activities listed below. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Provide training on TVFC requirements and updates (as described in the TVFC Operations Manual) to TVFC providers annually at a minimum.
- Ensure that the TVFC providers have the most up-to-date, DSHS-produced immunization information in their offices.
- Provide training, information, and technical assistance to promote the effective use of ImmTrac by private providers (which includes education regarding the benefits of ImmTrac participation).
- Educate private providers about the ImmTrac enrollment process and the statutory requirement to report immunizations.
- As directed by DSHS identify first responders and their immediate family in the community and inform them of the opportunity to be included in ImmTrac.
- Conduct educational training for hospital and health-care providers within the Contractor's jurisdiction, to increase mandatory screening and reporting of HBsAg-positive women.
- Provide training on the prevention of Perinatal Hepatitis B to providers within the Contractor's jurisdiction.
- Educate physicians, laboratories, hospitals, schools, child-care staff, and other health providers on VPD reporting requirements.
- Educate and update providers on the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for all age groups, as well as on applicable regulatory vaccination requirements.
- Provide training relating to Standards for Child and Adolescent Immunization Practices (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>) and Standards for Adult Immunization Practices (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html>) to all immunization providers within Contractor's jurisdiction.
- Inform all private providers on the federal requirement that the most current Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) must be distributed to patients (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>).
- Promote a health-care workforce that is knowledgeable about vaccines, vaccine recommendations, vaccine safety, vaccine-preventable diseases, and the delivery of immunization services.
- Educate health-care workers on the need to be vaccinated themselves.
- Provide information to community health-care employers (hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, long-term care facilities) about the importance of vaccination of health-care workers.
- Educate private providers to send NIS surveys to the Contractor for research prior to returning the survey to CDC, if applicable.
- Coordinate educational and other activities with local WIC programs to assure that children participating in WIC are screened and referred to their "medical home" for vaccination using a documented immunization history in accordance with the Standards for Child and Adolescent Immunization Practices (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>).
- Offer educational opportunities to all WIC programs in the service area, including information about on-line and satellite-broadcast continuing education opportunities from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Continuing Education web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/default.htm>).

UNIT C

Assuring Access to Vaccines

Contractor General Requirement Unit C-1:

Engage American Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations representing those governments, tribal epidemiology centers of Alaskan Native Villages and Corporations located within contracted local health department boundaries in immunization activities. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Perform education, training, outreach activities and provide technical assistance for American Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations representing those governments, tribal epidemiology centers of Alaskan Native Villages and Corporations.
- Report on education, training, outreach activities or collaborative efforts and outcomes of those activities on each Quarterly Report.

2014 General Requirement Unit C-2:

Enroll and sustain a network of VFC and other providers to administer federally funded vaccines to program-eligible populations according to CDC/ACIP and NVAC standards.

Conduct recruitment to increase the number of ImmTrac providers, TVFC providers, and Perinatal Hep B Providers. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Conduct recruitment activities as defined in the TVFC Operations Manual with providers on the DSHS-supplied provider recruitment list.
- Target adolescent health-care providers for recruitment and emphasize adolescent vaccine requirements and recommendations
- Ensure that all ACIP recommended vaccines are routinely available to TVFC patients and that Adult Safety Net vaccines are available to eligible adult patients.
- Recommend the simultaneous administration of all needed vaccines for the patient.
- Follow only medically supportable contraindications to vaccination.
- Verbally educate patients and parents/guardians about the benefits and risks of vaccination and distribute DSHS educational materials as applicable as part of this conversation.
- Discuss, and attempt to schedule, the next immunization visit at each client encounter.
- Explain the benefits of a "medical home" and assist the parent/guardian in obtaining or identifying the child's medical home.
- Use a Reminder/Recall system (manual, TWICES, ImmTrac, or other system).
- Establish "standing orders" for vaccination in Contractor's clinics, consistent with legal requirements for standing orders (including, but not limited to, those found in the Texas Medical Practice Act).
- Implement an employee immunization policy according to CDC recommendations in Contractor's clinics.

Contractor General Requirement Unit C-4:

Assure compliance with HHS Deputization Guidance. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities:

- Annually sign Deputization Addendum to Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) Provider Enrollment Form (E6-102), and provide immunization services to underinsured children.
- Report number of doses administered to underinsured children monthly as directed by DSHS.
- Report number of unduplicated underinsured clients served as directed by DSHS.

Contractor General Requirement Unit C-5:

Work with partners, as appropriate, to assure coordination of the following activities in order to prevent perinatal hepatitis b transmission.

- a.) Identification of HBsAg-positive pregnant women.
- b.) Newborn prophylaxis with hepatitis b vaccine and HBIG.
- c.) Timely completion of doses two and three.
- d.) Post-vaccination serology.

Ensure all pregnant women are screened for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and that all HBsAg-positive pregnant women are reported to DSHS. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Manual.

Activities:

- Develop a surveillance system that includes prenatal care providers, obstetrical care providers, family practitioners, and labor and delivery facilities to assure all HBsAg-positive pregnant women are reported to DSHS within one week of diagnosis.
- Educate prenatal care providers to ensure they screen pregnant women for HBsAg status during each pregnancy; implement procedures for documenting HBsAg screening results in prenatal care records, and forward original laboratory results to the delivery facility.
- Educate delivery hospitals to ensure they verify prenatal HBsAg test results of pregnant women on admission for delivery and test for HBsAg at delivery.
- Local health departments who report over five (5) cases per year, should perform and report at least 2 trainings per quarterly reporting period (or at least 8 trainings per year) to delivery hospitals, especially delivery hospitals who have not reported any HBs-Ag positive test result for women who have delivered at their facility during the quarterly reporting period.
- Ensure that all educational trainings are evaluated by participants (providers, hospital nursery staff, laboratorians, Obstetricians/Gynecologists and delivery staff and physicians, pediatricians, nursing staff, etc.) by rating the effectiveness of the

presenter as it relates to: describing the Perinatal HBV Prevention Program objectives; helping to identify at least one new skill that can be implemented in the workplace; and gathering topics for future events.

- Submit a quarterly report for educational trainings conducted. This report needs to include: number of participants, titles of participants, name of facility and training evaluations results. The reports should be submitted to the Perinatal HBV Prevention Program Coordinator.

Ensure that all infants born to HBsAg-positive women and women whose HBsAg status is unknown will receive the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine and hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Manual.

Activities:

- Assure all labor and delivery facilities develop standing orders and policies to administer the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine and HBIG to at-risk infants within 12 hours of birth.
- Identify labor and delivery facilities that do not have standing orders and/or policies and educate providers to establish standing orders and policies to administer to at-risk infants the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine and HBIG within 12 hours of birth.
- Determine the number of newborns that do not receive the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine and/or the hepatitis B immune globulin and work with those facilities to ensure all at-risk infants receive the hepatitis B vaccine series and hepatitis B immune globulin within 12 hours of birth.
- Report to DSHS all infants born to HBsAg (+) women within fifteen (15) calendar days of the event.

Ensure that 100% of the number of identified infants born to HBsAg-positive women will complete the hepatitis B vaccine series and post-vaccination serology testing (PVST). Staff will document appropriately if lost to follow-up. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Manual.

Activities:

- Administer or obtain from the provider or ImmTrac the complete hepatitis B vaccine series. Infants shall complete the hepatitis B vaccine series by 6 – 8 months of age if the infant receives a single antigen or Pediarix vaccine and by 15 months of age if the infant receives the Comvax series.
- Perform PVS testing or obtain from the provider or ImmTrac the PVS testing results to determine immunity against hepatitis B. Post vaccine serology testing shall be done by 9 – 15 months of age if the infant received a single antigen or Pediarix vaccine and by 18 months of age if the infant received the Comvax vaccine series.

Contractor General Requirement C-5

All household and sexual partners of reported HBsAg (+) mothers shall be referred for serologic testing to determine susceptibility status in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Manual.

Ensure all household contacts two (2) years of age or older are case managed as appropriate to ensure the infant completes the HBV vaccine series and receives post-vaccination serology testing (PVST).

UNIT D

Immunization Information Technology Infrastructure-Assure that the immunization information technology infrastructure supports program goals and objectives.

Contractor General Requirement Unit D-1:

Promote provider site participation and assure immunization record completeness, timeliness, accuracy, efficiency, and data use to support immunization program goals and objectives.

Effectively utilize ImmTrac (the DSHS on-line immunization registry) in Contractor's clinics.

Work in good faith, and as specified herein, to increase the number of children less than six (6) years of age who participate in ImmTrac.

Work in good faith and as specified herein, to ensure ImmTrac registered private providers use ImmTrac effectively as defined in the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.

Activities under the requirements above shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments

Activities:

- Recruit new private provider sites for ImmTrac.
- Search for the client's immunization history at every client encounter.
- Review the client's record for vaccines due and overdue according to the CDC Recommended Schedules at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

- Report to ImmTrac all immunizations administered to children (younger than 18 years of age) and consented adults in Contractor's clinics, either directly into ImmTrac on-line or through TWICES.
- Update demographic information as needed.
- Follow recommended guidelines for obtaining and submitting ImmTrac consent forms according to the instructions found at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/consent_guidelines.pdf.
- Implement changes to the consent process as directed by DSHS.
- Offer updated Immunization History Report to the client or client's parent or guardian at every client encounter.
- At every client encounter, compare all immunization histories (ImmTrac, TWICES, validated patient-held records, clinic medical record) and enter into ImmTrac or TWICES any historical immunizations not in ImmTrac
- Verbally and with DSHS produced literature, inform parents presenting at Contractor's clinics about ImmTrac and the benefits of inclusion in ImmTrac.
- Provide orientation to all ImmTrac providers at least once a year and maintain documentation of all technical assistance provided (e.g., telephone logs).
- Explain and demonstrate the effective use of ImmTrac according to the instructions located in the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments.
- Explain guidelines for obtaining and submitting ImmTrac consent forms according to the instructions found at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/consent_guidelines.pdf.
- Conduct follow-up with registered ImmTrac providers who are inactive or not using ImmTrac effectively.
- Train Contractor's staff on ImmTrac data entry and quality standards.
- Update all demographic information, including address and telephone number, at every client encounter.
- Conduct outreach (including, but not limited to, the specific outreach described in the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments) to families of children 19 to 35 months of age who are not up-to-date on their immunizations according to ImmTrac; locate additional immunization histories; and enter history data into ImmTrac.
- Collaborate with prenatal health-care providers, birth registrars, hospital staff, pediatricians, and other entities to educate parents, expectant parents, and providers about ImmTrac and the benefits of participation. Includes the dissemination of DSHS educational materials as appropriate.
- Identify and contact families of children for whom ImmTrac consent has been granted but who do not have complete immunization records in ImmTrac.
- Identify all providers who administer vaccine in awardee's jurisdiction, including both pediatric and adult immunization providers.
- Collaborate with partners and develop a provider recruitment strategy to include complementary vaccinators, such as pharmacists and school-located vaccination clinics.
- Encourage IIS participation among VFC providers.

Contractors General Requirement Unit D-2:

Incorporate dose-level accountability into IIS functionality so that information can be received and stored (Dose-level accountability includes assigned a provider-determined program eligibility category for a patient to each administered dose of vaccine.

- Conduct education and monitoring of providers to improve eligibility tracking and reporting.

Contractors General Requirement Unit D-3:

Assure provider participation in vaccine ordering and inventory management using either VTrckS Direct or ExIS (which could be IIS or other external system) that communicates with VTrckS using the CDC-compliant interface.

- Educate providers regarding awardee vaccine ordering policies, including CDC's inventory-on-hand requirement and other awardee-supporting documentation requirements for vaccine orders.
- Develop and implement a plan for transitioning providers to electronic submission of inventory and orders using VTrckS or awardee's ExIS.
- Monitor progress of the implementation of this transition plan.
- If using VTrckS Direct, ensure providers that will be using VTrckS for order entry acquire SAMS credentials for access.
- Train providers to use VTrckS or awardee ExIS for inventory and order entry.
- Develop and implement a plan for ensuring that new providers have access to and training for entering orders and inventory using VTrckS or awardee's ExIS.

Assist all other TVFC providers in local jurisdiction with maintenance of appropriate vaccine stock levels. Activities under this requirement shall be conducted in accordance with the DSHS Immunization Contractors Guide for Local Health Departments and TVFC Operations Manual.

Activities:

- Evaluate maximum vaccine stock levels twice a year in all TVFC provider clinics under Contractor's jurisdiction and assess providers' inventories when visiting clinics. This activity will become part of the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system and local health departments will be advised if any assistance on this activity is needed.
- Review 100% of all vaccine orders, monthly biological reports, and monthly temperature logs for accuracy and to ensure that the vaccine supply requested is within established guidelines. Review may be done from a paper report or on the EVI system.
- If vaccine is available locally, conduct transfers and/or deliveries to support the TVFC providers requesting assistance.
- Educate and assist all TVFC providers with TVFC Provider Choice, as directed by DSHS.
- To avoid the appearance of impropriety, the LHD must not involve pharmaceutical manufacturer representative in provider choice

trainings; or, the LHD must not take any other actions which appear to have a connection between activities sponsored under this contract and any other activities the LHD wishes to conduct on its own which would involve pharmaceutical manufacturer representatives giving presentations to providers.

- Offer provider updates, training, and information as changes to vaccine management occur.