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Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider,

Effective immediately, the maximum administration fee that the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) providers may charge an eligible TVFC patient who does not have Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) coverage will be up to the maximum of \$14.85 per dose.

Children (0-18 years of age) who are enrolled in Medicaid as their secondary insurance are eligible to receive TVFC vaccines. As stated in the Medicaid Provider Manual, providers should bill their usual and customary fee except for vaccines obtained from the TVFC Program. Providers may not charge Medicaid clients for the vaccine received from the TVFC Program. Providers may charge a usual and customary fee not to exceed \$14.85 for vaccine administration when providing immunizations to a client eligible for the TVFC vaccines. Providers are reimbursed the lesser of the billed amount or the maximum allowable fee.

As stated in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Operations Guide, the state Medicaid agency may have the discretion to pay an administration fee up to the regional maximum amount. A provider must not charge a vaccine administration fee to non-Medicaid VFC-eligible children that exceeds the administration fee cap of \$14.85 per dose. For Medicaid VFC-eligible children, the provider must accept the reimbursement for immunization administration set by the state Medicaid agency or the contracted Medicaid health plans.

For more information on Medicaid reimbursement, please refer to the Texas Medicaid Provider Manual located at:

[http://www.tmhp.com/TMPPM/TMPPM\\_Living\\_Manual\\_Current/Vol2\\_Children's\\_Services\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.tmhp.com/TMPPM/TMPPM_Living_Manual_Current/Vol2_Children's_Services_Handbook.pdf).

Children (0-18 years of age) who are enrolled in CHIP are eligible to receive TVFC vaccines, however TVFC providers must bill CHIP for the administration of a vaccine to a CHIP-enrolled child. For more information on CHIP reimbursement, please refer to the CHIP Provider Manual located at:

<http://www.texaschildrenshealthplan.org/sites/default/files/Provider%20Manual.pdf>.

Vaccines are required to be administered to all TVFC eligible children and service cannot be denied due to the parent's or guardian's inability to pay the administration fee. A TVFC

provider may not send a parent or guardian to collections. A TFVC provider may not charge penalties for the inability to pay administration fees.

For additional information on the Vaccines for Children (VFC) statutory requirements for the VFC Program 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/providers/index.html>.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Department of State Health Services, Health Service Region listed below.

PINS Beginning With	Health Service Region	Phone Number
1	HSR 1	806-783-6412
2	HSR 2	325-795-5660
3	HSR 3	817-264-4790
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties, 06 or 25	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
7	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08 or 00	HSR 8	210-949-2067
9	HSR 9	432-571-4137
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552

Sincerely,



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