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Community Immunization Sites

Effective January 1, 2012, the state of Texas made changes to the qualifications for who may receive vaccines from the Texas Vaccines for Children Programs. Vaccines given at the Taylor County Health Department, Care Van, some pharmacies and clinics are funded by this program and are no longer available to anyone who has private insurance.

In order to qualify for the Texas Vaccines for Children Programs, the following guidelines have been set by the state:

- Medicaid Eligible: A child who is eligible for the Medicaid Program
- Uninsured: A child who has no health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Underinsured: A child who has private health insurance, but coverage does not include vaccines, a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines, or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount
- A child enrolled in Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The state goal is to have children with private insurance referred to their own health care practitioner.

Since one of the most difficult times to schedule appointments for delinquent vaccines is at the beginning of the school year, advanced preparation will allow for school attendance on the first day of classes.

Places to go for Immunizations:

- Patient's medical doctor
- Abilene Taylor County Health Department. 850 North 6th. Immunizations are given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm.
- Dyess Air Force Base – Military dependents only. 696-1788
- Some pharmacies will administer vaccinations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/qa-detailed.html>