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DSHS Expands Adult Immunization Safety Net Program

Texas Department of State Health Service (DSHS) Immunization Branch is expanding the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program; this program provides publicly purchased vaccine at no cost to medical providers for the immunization of uninsured adults. Providers may charge ASN clients an administration fee of up to \$25.00 per dose but cannot deny the vaccine if a client is unable to pay the administration fee. Medical facilities with the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Center (RHC) designations are eligible to enroll in the ASN program. [Click HERE for more information.](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window

January 1st through January 15th is your window to register with the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) for a new site to be eligible for 340B pricing. This is also the window if you want to add a retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services ("bill to/ship to"). When registering in this window of time, the new site/pharmacy will be eligible for 340B pricing effective April 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the OPA website at <http://opanet.hrsa.gov/opa/>. Under the 'Covered Entities' section there are additional bullets listed to use for registering. A guide to registering can be found [HERE](#) and then click on 'pharmacy'. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until it is listed in the EHB and must have the site ID (found in the EHB).

For more information, contact [TACHC's Purchasing Program Coordinator Lynn Ford.](#)

OUTREACH

WHAT'S ON THE BACK OF YOUR EXAM ROOM DOOR?

Is it a **My Texas My Health** poster? Send us a cellphone snapshot of where your health center displays My Texas My Health posters and table tents. We'll give your health center a shout out and post the pics on the **My Texas My Health Facebook page**. Like us on **Facebook** and look for your pics! Email pics to **TACHC's Communication Director Andrea Abel**. My Texas My Health is a statewide program created by TACHC to inform Texans about their various health insurance options under the Affordable Care Act through the use of Certified Application Counselors.

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