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AN ACT

relating to requiring the Department of State Health Services to allow health care providers to use certain vaccines in the vaccines for children program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0102 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0102. VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "vaccines for children program" means the program operated by the department under authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396s, as amended.

(b) The department shall allow each health care provider participating in the vaccines for children program to:

(1) select influenza vaccines from the list of all influenza vaccines that are:

(A) approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(B) recommended by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; and

(C) made available under contract with the Centers for Disease Control of the United States Public Health Service; and

(2) use both trivalent influenza virus and live, attenuated influenza vaccines.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.