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Vaccine Eligibility Policy Changes

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has developed eligibility policy changes to the adult safety net and childhood vaccine programs to be effective January 1, 2012. These changes are in response to reductions in funds for vaccine purchases, increased federal scrutiny and accountability for publicly-funded vaccines, and increases in prices for some vaccines. In response to the policy changes, Brazos County Health Department (BCHD) will implement the following eligibility changes:

1. Only uninsured adults 19 years and older can be vaccinated at BCHD. Vaccines are limited to Hepatitis B, MMR, Tdap, and Tetanus.
2. Adults 19-29 years old can be vaccinated at BCHD for Meningitis through January 2012.
3. Children (18 years and younger) who have private insurance that cover vaccines will no longer be eligible to receive vaccines at BCHD.
4. Children who are uninsured or children who have Medicaid or CHIP are still eligible to receive vaccines at BCHD.

Because flu vaccine is purchased with local funds, it is still available at BCHD for anyone age 6 months and older for \$20.

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