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TO: H1N1 Vaccine Providers

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, RN, BSN, Head
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SUBJECT: Returning Expired or Close to Expiring H1N1 Vaccine

This memo is to inform you that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has mandated that providers **not** ship H1N1 vaccine returns directly to McKesson Specialties. McKesson is, the company that direct shipped H1N1 vaccine to providers. **All H1N1 vaccine that is sent to McKesson will be refused and will be returned to the sender.**

CDC is in the process of negotiating with a federal contractor to implement a recovery plan for all expired or soon to be expired H1N1 vaccine for the spring/summer. CDC will be sending the NC Immunization Branch guidelines to share with providers in the upcoming weeks about the spring/summer recovery plan. CDC is also making plans for a fall recovery plan for H1N1 vaccine expiring in 2011.

Store the vaccine appropriately until further instructions are provided about the H1N1 vaccine recovery plan. Vaccine that has not yet expired should continue to be properly refrigerated while expired vaccine can be stored elsewhere.

Continue to hold on to remaining H1N1 vaccine supplies. We ask for your patience while the details of the directive for the federal recovery plan are being finalized. The NC Immunization Branch will be in contact as soon as the recovery plan for H1N1 vaccines are complete.

