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MEMORANDUM

TO: H1N1 Vaccine Providers

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SUBJECT: IMPORTANT Recent Updates to H1N1 Information

The purpose of this memo is to offer updates to H1N1 vaccine providers. This memo may also be found on the NC Immunization Program (NCIP) web site at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/Memos.htm>

Transferring and Reporting Vaccine

Providers who wish to transfer vaccine should refer to the document titled “Transferring and Reporting H1N1 Vaccine” found under the Storage and Handling heading online at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/H1N1VaccineProviders.htm>

New Aggregate Reporting Form

The aggregate reporting form for H1N1 vaccine has been edited to include a check box to indicate that additional H1N1 vaccine is not needed at this time. The revised form may be found on the NCIP’s web site at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/H1N1VaccineProviders.htm>

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) in English and Spanish

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires all immunization providers to offer the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for each vaccine being administered. For H1N1, copies of the English and Spanish versions may be found on the NCIP’s web site at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/VISs.htm>

Clinical and Local Health Department Question and Answer (Q & A) Link

A link to clinical information and questions and answers for H1N1 may be found on the NCIP’s web site at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/H1N1VaccineProviders.htm>

After viewing the Q & A, providers who still have questions should e-mail phpr.sns@dhhs.nc.gov for further guidance.

Intranasal Vaccine Age Range

Providers should be aware that H1N1 nasal spray vaccine is **recommended for use in healthy people 2 years through 49 years of age who are not pregnant**. For additional guidance on intranasal H1N1 vaccine, go to the CDC’s Q & A at: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/nasalspray_qa.htm

H1N1 Vaccine Shipping

Although providers do not order H1N1 vaccine directly, please be aware that H1N1 will continue to be shipped as available throughout the months of November and December. Vaccine will **not** be delivered in provider offices on Wednesday, November 11, Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27; and Thursday, December 24 through Friday January 1. **Providers must notify us of any other days that your office may be closed by calling the Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.**

Immunization Consent Clarification

North Carolina does **not** require written consent for administering vaccines. A decision to require written consent may be made at the local or provider level. Since North Carolina does not require written consent, consent forms will not be provided by the NCIP. Parental consent is not required for minors to receive influenza vaccine, including H1N1 vaccine.

Resource Overview

In general, there are 3 main websites that providers will find helpful regarding H1N1:

- The CDC website (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/professional.htm>). This site contains clinical guidance for professionals.
- The Division of Public Health Preparedness and Response website (<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/gcdc/H1N1flu.html>). This site contains clinical guidance and information related to North Carolina's strategic plan. Included are links to the archived webinar briefings, guidance on antivirals, and the Q&A with frequently asked questions.
- The Immunization Branch website (<http://www.immunizenc.com/H1N1VaccineProviders.htm>). This site includes information related to the distribution, administration and reporting of vaccine.

Links to these sites may be found at www.flu.nc.gov.

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