

Department of Health & Human Services

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Dear Physicians,

The 2009 influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine provider agreement is now available, and the vaccine has received FDA approval and is coming out soon. The vaccine is free and comes with all supplies such as the needles, syringes, alcohol wipes, and sharps containers. Most insurance plans have agreed to reimburse an administration fee for this vaccine. Target populations for the initial doses are:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) invites private physicians to join the effort to reach these target groups. It will require the cooperative efforts of physicians, hospitals, participating pharmacies as well as the OCHD to vaccinate an estimated 387,000 people in the 0-24 year age group plus the number of people in the 25-64 year age group with underlying diseases.

Providers receiving the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine must adhere to the following requirements:

1. Providers must be registered users of the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).
2. 2009 H1N1 vaccine presentations can only be ordered in 100-dose increments (e.g. 100 doses in prefilled syringes, 100 doses in multidose vials).
3. Providers must agree to enter all required information regarding vaccine usage into MCIR.
4. Providers must sign the attached H1N1 Provider agreement.

If you are considering becoming a 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine provider and are not currently on MCIR, complete and return the attached MCIR agreement. Fax the MCIR agreement and 2009 H1N1 provider agreement to the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program office, 248-858-0246. MCIR questions can be directed to Wendy Nye, at 248-858-0411.

We look forward to working alongside you to prevent influenza disease and the complications that can ensue.

Sincerely,



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