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TO: Arkansas Immunization Providers

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RE: Pre-registration for Immunization Providers Interested in Receiving and Administering the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine

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This fall, to protect the public from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza virus, the federal government will provide states with pandemic vaccine and supplies (needles, syringes, sharps containers, alcohol swabs) at no cost. The federal government currently estimates that approximately 45 million doses will be available for distribution beginning in mid-October and that enough vaccine may be distributed to fully meet US demand in less than 6 months. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) will be responsible for directing the shipment of the vaccine and supplies in the State of Arkansas.

ADH is extending the opportunity to receive and administer pandemic vaccine to all interested immunizing healthcare providers (including hospitals, clinics, pharmacists and community vaccinators). Private sector providers may be permitted to charge an administration fee; however, the conditions of this federal program have not been finalized. Although no decision has been reached regarding the administration fee, a \$15 charge has been reported in the media as being considered. ADH is offering the opportunity to pre-register to health care providers interested in having vaccine and supplies shipped to their facility. Pre-registration will allow you to receive information about the program at no cost and with no obligation.

Pre-registered facility representatives will receive email updates about the pandemic vaccination program and important information to prepare their facility to store, handle and administer pandemic vaccine properly. Pre-registered points of contact for the facilities will ultimately receive the federal pandemic vaccine provider agreement and receive instructions for ordering vaccine, once finalized. The pre-registration survey will request your healthcare facility to provide an estimate of the total number of healthcare staff to be vaccinated at your facility, as well as, the total number of other persons you intend to vaccinate.

Only providers who ultimately place orders and meet the conditions of the provider agreement will receive vaccine. Because the federal program is under development, ADH cannot guarantee

that all pre-registered providers will receive vaccine directly shipped to them or the timing or size of shipments. Vaccine is expected to begin shipping through this mechanism by mid-October.

To pre-register your interest in administering H1N1 vaccine:

1. Go to the following ADH Internet Applications website:

<https://health.arkansas.gov/ADHInternetApps/>

2. Use this generic User Email Address and Password to access the on-line survey:

Title: H1N1 Provider Information Form

User Email Address: users@H1N1providers.com

Password: H1N1Vaccine

3. Once the survey is complete, print a copy if needed for your files.
4. Click “Save” at the bottom of the form and the form will be sent to ADH. The survey form will return to blank after submitting.
5. Close your browser to exit the form.

You may contact the Immunization Network for Children (INC) Help Desk at 1-800-574-4040 if you need any assistance with the registration process.

Thank you for your interest.