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Dear Physician:

The H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and CDC anticipates beginning distribution of local health department federal vaccine allocations in mid-October. You will be an important part of our local vaccination effort. We are looking to community and private providers to assist with vaccinating people in Orange County who are in the target groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has identified 5 target groups to receive the vaccine; however, priorities have **NOT** been set as to which group will go first if there is limited supply initially. Target groups include:

- o pregnant women,
- o persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months,
- o health-care and emergency medical services personnel,
- o persons aged 6 months – 24 years, and
- o persons aged 25 – 64 years who have chronic medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

If you choose to accept H1N1 vaccine from the health department's federal allocation, you will be required to enroll as a provider and comply with the terms outlined in the [Vaccine Provider Agreement](#), which includes agreement to vaccinate target groups. There are two (2) ways to enroll as a vaccine provider and enrollment through these processes will enable you to receive the free vaccine and supplies to administer the vaccine:

1. If you order **100 doses or more**, you will receive the vaccine and supplies directly from the central distributor. You must register in the Florida Department of Health's Florida SHOTS Registry at [www.flshots.com](http://www.flshots.com) or contact the Florida SHOTS Enrollment Desk at 1-877-888-7468 or [flshots@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:flshots@doh.state.fl.us).
2. If you anticipate that you will be ordering **less than 100 doses** of H1N1 vaccine, you may enroll by completing the [Provider Contact Sheet](#) and the top portion of the [Vaccine Provider Agreement](#), and then fax it to Carole Pate at 407-858-5567. You will not be eligible to receive the vaccine directly from the central distributor. You will be required to pick it up from the Orange County Health Department directly.

As an enrolled provider of the H1N1 vaccine, you will not be able to charge patients for the vaccine since you will be receiving vaccine from the federal allocation; however, you may charge a fee for the administration of the vaccine to the patient, their health insurance plan, or other third party payer (see [Vaccine Provider Agreement](#) for more information).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a declaration activating the "Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act. This act provides immunity from tort liability (except for willful misconduct) for claims of loss caused, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from administration or use of countermeasures to diseases, threats and conditions determined by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to constitute a present, or credible risk of a future public health emergency to entities and individuals involved in the development, manufacture, testing, distribution, administration, and use of such countermeasures. For details, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/emergency/manmadedisasters/bioterrorism/medication-vaccine-qa.html>.

We appreciate your assistance with the Orange County H1N1 response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Provider Liaison at 407-858-1400.

Sincerely,

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