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Dear Public Health Partner,

As you know, the CDC has designated pregnant women, household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel, children six months to 18 years, persons aged 19 -24, and persons aged 25 -64 who have medical conditions associated with higher risk for flu-related complication as high priority groups for the H1N1 vaccine. The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness (FCDHW) is gearing up for a mass vaccination campaign and need your help. We are recruiting medical providers to serve as “additional vaccinators”. These providers will partner with state and local public health to administer the H1N1 vaccine in their medical practices.

What prospective providers need to know:

- The attached Registration Form must be turned in to FCDHW, who will then submit it to the state. **Registration Forms are due to FCDHW by 12:00 noon Tuesday, September 15th.**
- Minimum order per shipment is 100 doses. Providers serving less than 50 clients should work with local health departments to provide services to their population(s).
- Vaccine shipments will include supplies such as syringes, alcohol swabs, etc. (gloves still under discussion).
- Providers will be responsible for printing and copying H1N1 Vaccine Information Statements (VIS), which will be available online.
- Providers are required to report aggregate doses administered data by close of business each Monday. Each dose administered must also be entered into GRITS via direct entry or an interface. Training and support will be available from the GRITS Program.
- The state Immunization Program will send a Provider Agreement in response to the Registration Form. Once the signed agreement is received, an Immunization Program Consultant (IPC) will schedule an in- person site visit. The purpose of this visit is to ensure adequate storage and handling equipment and to conduct GRITS training, if necessary.
- Once the IPC notifies the Immunization Program that the visit is complete, the provider will be ready to receive vaccine.

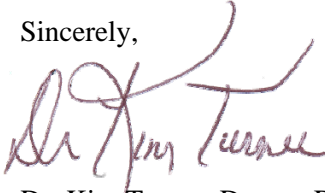
Reimbursement

- Major insurance companies are expected to reimburse for vaccine administration.
- As of now, Medicare will reimburse an administration fee equal to seasonal influenza.
- Non-public health sites may charge a cash administration fee for the uninsured population.
- Public health sites may not turn away an individual unable to pay an administration fee. Additional funding will be given to PH sites to offset this cost.

“To Promote, Protect and Assure the Health and Wellness of the Citizen’s of Fulton County”

Please fax the completed registration form to: **(404) 335-9966**. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Public Health Liaison, Ms. Kimberly Mallard at (404) 730-1008 for assistance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dr. Kim Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "T".

Dr. Kim Turner, Deputy Director
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