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To: Clinicians Serving the Central Michigan District Health Department area

From: Robert Graham, DO, MPH, FAAFP
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Re: Recruitment of Clinicians to Give A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine
(Clinician Update #7)

This fall and winter, the Federal Government is making available millions of doses of vaccine against A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza. The Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is asking that you join our campaign to provide the A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine to your patients.

In order for you to be part of the H1N1 vaccination campaign, we ask that you become part of the on-line data storage program known as the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). The MCIR allows participating clinicians to order A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine from the government contractor McKesson. This is the only source for the A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine.

Signing up to participate on the MCIR is simple. You can contact the Personal Health Supervisor in your county, whose contact information is listed below. After you indicate your interest in joining the MCIR, you will be contacted by a MCIR specialist who will arrange to provide you and your staff with training on the use of the MCIR. Attached is the standard **MCIR Use Agreement** for your perusal.

If you are already a registered MCIR user and wish to also provide the H1N1 vaccine, you will still need to sign up with a special H1N1 MCIR/Vaccine Provider Agreement. A toolkit is currently being developed by the Michigan Department of Community Health. This toolkit will include the **H1N1 Provider Agreement**. If you choose to become a provider for the H1N1 vaccine, we will contact you when this agreement becomes available.



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The vaccine against A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza will be delivered to providers around the middle of October. The exact number of doses that will be available is unknown at this time. It is important that clinicians providing the A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines regarding the administration of the vaccine to high priority groups. The high priority groups that will be offered the vaccine first are:

1. pregnant women
2. people providing care to children less than six months of age
3. health care workers with direct patient contact
4. people 6 months through 24 years of age
5. people 25 through 64 years of age with chronic medical conditions that put them at risk for complications of influenza

It is anticipated that the vaccine against A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza will be made available to everyone that wants to be vaccinated against A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza. Unfortunately, there is no timeline available to inform clinicians when the vaccine will be available to other groups.

The vaccine against A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza is free of charge to providers. Providers will also be given needles, syringes and sharps containers. You may charge a fee for the *administration* of the vaccine to the patient, their health insurance plan, or other third party payer. The administration fee cannot exceed the regional Medicare vaccine administration fee. If the administration fee is billed to Medicaid, the amount billed cannot exceed the state Medicaid administration fee. For more information on billing procedures and codes, follow this link:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/SE0920.pdf>

For more information about signing up for the MCIR and becoming an A/2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza vaccinator please call:

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Attachment: MCIR Provider User/Usage Agreement