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INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN



To: IPAs and PCP Providers
From: IEHP - Provider Relations
Date: September 4, 2009
Subject: **PANDEMIC INFLUENZA H1N1 VACCINE is coming soon!**

The California Department of Public Health and California's local health departments are calling all Providers interested in providing the H1N1 Influenza vaccine.

Starting September 1, 2009, Providers can visit www.CalPanFlu.org. Use this website to:

1. Pre-register for vaccine

Sign up to receive H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available.

Pre-registration:

- ▶ is not a binding commitment to provide vaccine
- ▶ can *only* be done by (or in conjunction with) a physician licensed to practice medicine in California
- ▶ lets California Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers use their PIN number for fast-track identification

2. Order H1N1 Influenza vaccine

Vaccine is in production and currently expected to first be available by mid-October. Vaccine and basic supplies will be delivered at **no cost to you**. Providers may bill public and private insurers for vaccine administration fees.

- ▶ **HOW:** Pre-register and order early to minimize delays. (**Note: Pre-registration and ordering do not guarantee receipt of vaccine**)
- ▶ **WHEN:** Timing and amount of vaccine deliveries will depend on available inventory. First deliveries are expected by mid-October or later.
- ▶ **WHO:** Initial orders will go to vaccinators serving at-risk population groups. Other requests will be filled in turn, as supply permits.

3. Receive vaccine information and updates

- ▶ vaccine availability
- ▶ storage and handling
- ▶ training on vaccination
- ▶ the pandemic in California

4. Report your H1N1 vaccine usage

- ▶ Instructions are available to complete a simple weekly report on H1N1 vaccine at your medical practice

Thank you for your interest in protecting California from pandemic influenza!