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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL, ARMY
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SURGEON GENERAL, AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY

SUBJECT: 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Policy for Family Members and Retirees Residing in the Continental United States including Alaska and Hawaii

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine will become available to the United States general population in the next few weeks. This vaccine will be provided through an allocation program sponsored by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with vaccine provided to each state. The amount of vaccine will be incrementally based on vaccine supply and the number of people in each state representing successive vaccine target groups established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

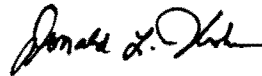
In order for Department of Defense (DoD) family members and retirees who are enrolled in the direct care system to receive this vaccine at their enrolled medical treatment facility (MTF), that MTF must enroll as a vaccine provider. Each MTF or regional system that provides seasonal influenza vaccines is required to register. Registration is the responsibility of the MTF commander and the designated Public Health Emergency Officer. Registration is Web-based for each state in which the enrolled population resides. The Web address which links to all state enrollment sites can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/statecontacts.htm>. Registration should be completed immediately to provide vaccine for the beneficiary population enrolled at the MTF. Those beneficiaries not enrolled at an MTF will receive vaccine through a non-MTF provider within the HHS-managed, State-based systems.

Following registration and the provision of the requested population data, vaccine will be provided to the installation by direct shipment. In addition to vaccine, ancillary supplies such as needles, syringes, alcohol wipes, and sharps containers will be delivered with the vaccine. The vaccine and supplies are free of charge. The amount of vaccine received at any one time will be dependent on the overall amount allocated to that state and the relative proportion of the state population served by that MTF. Multiple shipments should be expected.

Vaccine should be administered upon receipt, targeting high risk groups as defined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices document "Use of Influenza A

(H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) August 21, 2009/58 (Early Release); 1-8.” However, these groups are “target” and not “prioritization” groups. For a target group, every effort should be made to ensure that the vaccine is offered to these individuals. After that, if vaccine is available, those enrolled dependents and retirees not included in that target group wishing to be immunized should not be turned away.

Vaccine for active duty and other mission-related personnel and beneficiaries residing outside of the Continental United States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, are not included in this allocation and will be included in guidance to be released at a later date. My point of contact for this issue is LTC Wayne E. Hachey; he can be reached at (703) 575-2669, or at Wayne.Hachey@ha.osd.mil.



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