



SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

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Dear Provider,

In an effort to minimize the amount of flu activity and severity in our community, public health officials would like to partner with local health care providers to provide H1N1 vaccine. It is likely that H1N1 vaccine will be available in mid October, so pre-planning actions are beginning to take place. We recognize a vaccination campaign will be inadequate without the help of medical providers who serve many citizens in our district. The CDC will be providing vaccine at **no cost** to providers who would like to participate.

As you are considering your willingness to participate as a H1N1 vaccinator, please keep these factors in mind. While you can not bill for the vaccine, administration fees are billable to insurance providers, Medicaid and Medicare. Vaccine administration will need to be recorded in the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS). Training will be provided if you are not currently utilizing GRITS. There will be storage requirements regarding refrigeration temperature maintenance. Providers who plan to receive more than 100 doses will receive the vaccine shipment directly. The shipments will also include needles, syringes, alcohol swabs and bio-hazardous waste containers.

A registration form indicating your interest in providing H1N1 vaccine is attached. Complete the form and return via fax to Sue Dale @ 229-891-7106 or via e-mail to skdale@dhr.state.ga.us. The deadline for returning the form is Sept. 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline H. Grant, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A.
District Health Director

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