



SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

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Dear Healthcare Provider:

We are pleased to inform you that Southwest Health District has been given a limited quantity of Tamiflu® for uninsured or underinsured indigent patients for treatment of suspected, probable or confirmed H1N1 influenza who meet the CDC treatment criteria. The treatment criteria include flu-like symptoms of documented temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; cough and /or sore throat. Additionally, the patient must be within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms and belong to the following priority groups:

- Health care workers with direct patient contact and EMS providers
- High-risk outpatients who are immunocompromised, pregnant and less than five years or greater than 65 years old
- High-risk outpatients who have chronic medical conditions such as asthma, emphysema, sickle cell anemia, neurodevelopmental disabilities, morbid obesity, kidney, liver and metabolic diseases
- Pandemic health responders such as public health, vaccinators, vaccine and antiviral manufacturers
- Persons less than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy

Area hospitals also have a cache of antivirals for indigent patients requiring treatment in hospital settings (in-patient and outpatient acute care settings).

Your indigent patients meeting the treatment criteria may be referred to the county health department of residence by using the enclosed form. Your signature will serve as verification for their insurance status. District public health nurses will verify the treatment criteria per the Nurse Protocol for Antiviral Treatment of Suspected, Probable and Confirmed Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection and provide you with dispensing documentation.

Ill patients should be advised to either wear a mask to the health department or pick up a mask at the health department immediately upon entry.

Please contact your local health department to make sure adequate antivirals are on hand before sending your patients. Antiviral quantities are very limited and this program may not be sustainable throughout the flu season. If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Whaley, our District Pharmacy Director at 229-430-6257 or your local health department manager.

Sincerely,

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