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Health Advisory

Please deliver a copy of the accompanying alert to each provider in your organization.

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HEALTH ADVISORY June 25, 2010

To Providers and Pharmacies:

This advisory includes information about returning unused H1N1 vaccine and antivirals. It also includes a reminder about the June 24 expiration of the FDA's H1N1 Emergency Use Authorization.

Returning unused expired or soon to expire H1N1 vaccine

The CDC has organized an H1N1 vaccine recovery program for unused, unopened, vials, syringes and sprayers of non-viable H1N1 vaccine. This vaccine recovery program is available to healthcare providers who received 2009 H1N1 vaccine and have signed a provider agreement. If you signed a provider agreement, you will receive pre-paid shipping labels provided from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). When you receive the labels, please return unused vaccine as directed.

The recovery program will start with vaccine that expires prior to or as of June 30, 2010. Sanofi-Pasteur H1N1 vaccine with an expiration date of 2011 will be recovered separately in the fall of 2010. Disposal costs for the federal program will be covered by the CDC.

Please do not dispose of unused vaccine. Expired pharmaceuticals such as vaccines are considered dangerous (hazardous) waste, and vaccine that contains live attenuated virus (e.g., FluMist) is also considered a biomedical waste.

H1N1 vaccine availability

As of June 4, 2010, only one H1N1 Influenza vaccine presentation remains available for ordering:

- Sanofi Pasteur 5 mL Multidose Vial (NDC # 49281-0640-15)
- H1N1 clinic supplies are no longer available for ordering.

H1N1 Antiviral Emergency Use Authorization expired on June 24

During the 2009 H1N1 influenza public health emergency, the FDA issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) that authorized certain unapproved uses of Tamiflu and Relenza. These EUAs expired on June 24 and the unapproved uses of Tamiflu and Relenza are no longer authorized. Approved uses are listed below:

Currently, Tamiflu is approved by the FDA for the following indications:

- Treatment of uncomplicated acute illness due to influenza A and B virus infection in patients 1 year and older who have been symptomatic for no more than two days.
- Prophylaxis (prevention) of influenza A and B virus in patients 1 year and older.

Currently, Relenza is approved by the FDA for the following indications:

- Treatment of uncomplicated acute illness due to influenza A and B virus in adults and pediatric patients 7 years of age and older who have been symptomatic for no more than two days.
- Prophylaxis (prevention) of influenza A and B virus in adults and pediatric patients 5 years of age and older.

For further information, please see <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/>.

Antiviral Use Reporting no longer necessary

During the fall and winter H1N1 outbreak, Region IV Public Health asked providers and pharmacies to report regularly on antiviral use so that Public Health could ensure sufficient community inventory of these products. There is no longer a need for these reports and we are now asking providers and pharmacies not to send them to us.

What to do with unused antivirals provided by Region IV Public Health

Use as indicated or contact Region IV Public Health at 360-397-8485 to arrange to return.