Maine Immunization Program

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**2014-2015 Influenza Availability Information**

July 24, 2014

We are happy to announce that the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), through the Maine Immunization Program (MIP), is able to supply seasonal influenza vaccine for this upcoming influenza season.

During the 2014-2015 influenza season, Maine CDC plans to provide influenza vaccine for:

* All Maine children ages 6 months through 18 years old
* Pregnant women and their partners (through health care providers who routinely care for pregnant women)
* Residents and health care staff of long term care facilities and nursing homes
* Any Underinsured or Uninsured adult in any setting (if the patient’s insurance does not cover vaccines or if the patient does not have insurance)
* All individuals served by Tribal Health Centers and Municipal Health Departments
* Employees of schools that provide onsite vaccine clinics on school days

Vaccine distribution will be prioritized in the following order:

1. Children under 18 years old
2. Pregnant women and their partners
3. Residents and health care staff of long term care facilities and nursing homes
4. Adults

It is allowable to bill a reasonable administration fee provided that no patient is denied state supplied vaccine for inability to pay the administration fee. The regional cap for the administration fee for a Maine Care paitent is $21.58.

To ensure your facility will be eligible to place your vaccine order, please guarantee that the following are up to date within ImmPact:

* 2014 Provider Agreement
* Current User Agreement for ImmPact
* Current submission of monthly temperature logs
* Current reconciliation of inventory

If you need assistance accessing ImmPact, please contact the Help Desk at 1-800-906-8754.

**School-Located Vaccine Clinics (SLVC)**

We will continue to support the efforts of all communities in vaccinating children in the school setting again this year. There was a 54% increase of the number of doses administered in a school setting in this past influenza season from the previous season. Schools have proven to be a successful venue for reaching children for vaccination.

**Maine Immunization Program Timeline**

July 2014 Communicate to providers on the intent of vaccine availability

August 2014 Communicate to providers the guidance for vaccine ordering

SLVC ToolKit posted online

September 2014 Vaccine shipments start to arrive in provider offices

We are very excited to be able to offer State-supplied seasonal influenza vaccine for your patients. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that every dose is effectively accounted for and administered.

Thank you for your dedication to keep the citizens of Maine free of vaccine-preventable disease.

If you have any questions, please call the Maine Immunization Program at 1-800-867-4775 or email [immunizeme.dhhs@maine.gov](mailto:immunizeme.dhhs@maine.gov) .