

TO: Ohio Hospitals and Health Systems

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SUBJECT: Modification of Director's Order H1N1 Provider Agreement

Upon extensive review of available data, including the extent and concentration of cases of H1N1 influenza, Director of Health Dr. Alvin Jackson amended his Director's Journal Entry of Sept. 23 regarding immunizations for H1N1 influenza to remove vaccination restrictions as follows:

“Furthermore, based on the most recent information and EFFECTIVE Monday, December 14, 2009, while approved providers should continue to give high risk individuals priority consideration, unless medically contraindicated, all individuals wishing to be vaccinated are now eligible to be vaccinated.”

The original Director's Order placed limitations on who providers could immunize for H1N1 based on the availability of vaccine and the overall recommendations of the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC). This new Director's Order lifts that restriction and opens up vaccine availability to any individual seeking the vaccine unless medically contraindicated. The governor's office and CDC have been notified of this change.

Hospitals and health care facilities are now able to provide vaccine (past and future allocations) to all appropriate persons seeking the vaccine. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 614.221.7614 or carolj@ohanet.org.