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Influenza Season 2009

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Dear AHCCCS Providers:

Preparations for the 2009/2010 Influenza Season are well under way. The Maricopa County Health Department, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Vaccine for Children (VFC), The Arizona Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI) and other community stakeholders has been instrumental in developing a State strategic plan for this influenza season. AHCCCS and AHCCCS Contractors are working collaboratively with this group to ensure the community receives accurate and up to date information in a timely fashion.

In an effort to reduce the burden of communications coming into your office, AHCCCS Contractors have agreed to place updates on each Contractors' website. Your office can expect to continue receiving updates from other state agencies and associations for both seasonal and H1N1 influenza. Each AHCCCS Contractor has agreed to keep their websites updated with at least the latest information from Maricopa County, ADHS, VFC and TAPI. You can also access information and materials from the following websites:

www.maricopa.gov/Public_Health/HotTopics/h1n1flu/

<http://www.azdhs.org/>

www.FLU.gov

AHCCCS Contractors strongly encourage practitioners to pre-register to receive the H1N1 vaccine when available and assist public health in getting our community vaccinated. Pre-registration forms can be found at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>. Fax the forms to (602) 364-3232. You may also preregister electronically at <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>. For additional information, please call Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3895.

Please check your affiliated AHCCCS Contractors' websites for information regarding H1N1 updates, vaccine clinics and vaccine availability.

Effective 10/1/09 (unless the vaccine is made available earlier): H1N1 vaccine administration, when FDA approved, is to be billed utilizing CPT-4 code 90663 with the FB modifier. The AHCCCS FFS vaccine administration rate is \$15.43. Contractors should NOT require PA for H1N1 vaccine administration. Please use the ICD-9 diagnosis code V73.89 for claims related to H1N1 inoculation/vaccination.

The CDC created two new ICD-9 diagnosis codes: 488.0 and 488.1 for claims related to the treatment of H1N1. These codes should be used for persons that are diagnosed with H1N1 infection.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call your affiliated AHCCCS Contractors for assistance, i.e. Provider Representative, Quality Management or EPSDT staff.

Thank you!