

**Questions & Answers for
Community Immunization Providers
PH RFP 10-005
as of 09/14/09**

- 1) In reference to Section 3.15.2 in both RFPs, including additional projects in the RFP response, is this where it is appropriate to include a proposal for distribution of H1N1 vaccine to community providers who may not need 100 or more doses so cannot have distribution directly from McKesson? Should we also include a reimbursement proposal?

Yes. To provide more background on the distribution of H1N1 vaccine or LAIV (live attenuated intranasal vaccine) to community providers who need less than 100 doses, MCDPH will review proposals under this RFP for Contractors to distribute the vaccines through their retail pharmacy(s). Distribution of H1N1 vaccine received by the Contractor will be for quantities smaller than the standard 100-dose pack (but no smaller than a standard manufacturer's unit) and distribution by Contractor will require repackaging of vaccines while maintaining Arizona State Board of Pharmacy standards and appropriate cold chain requirements and documentation. The Contractor will be responsible for procuring supplies necessary for cold chain distribution, including (but not limited to) coolers, insulated packages, ice packs, and thermometers. The Contractor may provide delivery service or require community providers (or their designated agent) to pick up the vaccine at the designated pharmacy. The Contractor will be required to act as point of contact for community providers requesting H1N1 vaccine in quantities less than the standard package of 100 doses; provide H1N1 vaccine to community providers requesting H1N1 vaccine on a first-come first served basis; maintain an electronic spreadsheet log of vaccines distributed including date, provider, amount provided, lot number(s), and location of distribution, and collect and compile Arizona State Board of Pharmacy-approved documentation of the number of prescriptions filled under this program and reconcile it with the inventory provided and returned to MCDPH at the end of the program. The Contractor will be reimbursed on a per-completed order basis and subject to available funding. In addition, the Contractor will be required to collect from each AZ licensed provider to whom H1N1 vaccine is distributed a signed copy of the ADHS Provider Agreement and a copy of the prescriber's current Arizona license.

- 2) Has the County received word on the expected first deliveries of H1N1 vaccine?

October still appears to be the delivery time for vaccine. No firm delivery date has been communicated to the county or state.

- 3) Do you know if other AZ counties and/or the State DHS will also be distributing vaccine?

We are not sure if the state will be distributing directly to folks but they are involved in the process with CDC and the distributor. We are not yet sure of the other county's plans.

- 4) What restrictions are placed on a CIP's use of the vaccine? Specifically, can it be used outside of Maricopa County, at company worksites, etc.?

Vaccine from Maricopa County's allotment should be used within the county. The CDC/ACIP recommendations will be used to identify those who receive vaccine; therefore it would be restricted to those groups.

- 5) Regarding reimbursement: Can the CIP charge the proposed vaccine administration fee directly to participants in cases where no insurance plan and/or coverage exists? Or will all non-covered participants be billed to the County (if funding is made available)?

The CIP's can attempt to recover an administration fee from the client but cannot refuse the vaccine if the client is unable to pay.

- 6) Will MCDPH know whether reimbursement will be available for administering vaccines to the under-insured and uninsured prior to issuing the contract? Is there an ETA as to when this will be confirmed?

There is no ETA. It is possible that before contracts are signed more information about the potential funding will be available; due to the time-sensitive issue of delivering the vaccine we will not wait for this information.

- 7) Will MCDPH reimburse for other activities related to administering this project, i.e., advertisement, administrative costs related to data collection and reporting and other indirect costs?

Yes, as per the contract there are other, non-injection related, administrative requirements. Contractor may be reimbursed for these activities.

- 8) Does the County require any specific forms be completed to comply with requirements outlined in sections 3.18 through 3.20 of the RFP?

No, there are no specific forms regarding these sections. By signing the request for proposal attachments you certify that you are in compliance with and meet all these requirements.

- 9) Please explain the difference between what everyone received from MCDPH and what was received from the State.

The State information is for registration for H1N1 vaccine and the RFP(s) are for community providers to give vaccinations based on MCDPH direction..

The State information: H1N1 Vaccine Pre-Registration - the Arizona Immunization Program Office (AIPO) sent out a form asking providers to pre-register for novel H1N1 influenza vaccine on August 14, 2009.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WOshOr3nUyQM8hIAjitxww_3d_3d The pre-registration form will ask for the provider's contact information and shipping location. Pre-registered providers will subsequently receive instructions on how to order novel H1N1 influenza vaccine. This is not a guarantee they will receive novel H1N1 vaccine. They will also need to sign a provider agreement outlining the terms and conditions of administering novel H1N1 influenza vaccine. The pre-registration form must be submitted to AIPO by Friday, September 14.

- 10) Please clarify that the RFP has no reimbursement promised at this time but may be available if/when MCDPH receives funding.

At this time we anticipate receiving funding however we do not know to what extent. We will need to wait and see before we can begin to look at reimbursement.

- 11) Does the RFP extend to other counties and what are other counties in AZ doing?

Yes, this RFP has cooperative purchasing language which may allow other government agencies to use this RFP and resulting contract(s) if they are a member of SAVE.