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Subject:

Additional personnel to administer H1N1 2009 influenza vaccine

Attached is the "Standing Medical Orders for Additional Medical Personnel to Support Administration of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Vaccines for Wisconsin Local Health Departments". The standing order was developed to increase the local health department (LHD) vaccination workforce to improve mass clinic vaccination efficiency and to free up LHD nurses to provide overall clinic supervision. For LHDs with sufficient staff or contracting with mass vaccinators, this order may not be necessary. However, for LHDs needing assistance, please have your medical advisor review and sign the form.

Also attached is the memo titled "Use of Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Public Health Immunization Clinics" (Appendix A) and two tables titled "Federal Liability Protection and State Liability Protection" (Appendix B) which should accompany the standing order. The standing order was reviewed by the legal counsels of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin Nurses Association.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Joyce Andersen (608-266-0472), Yvonne Eide (608-266-7743) or Margaret Schmelzer (608-266-0877).

Thank you.

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