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**TO: Regulated Health Care Professionals Holding Reimbursable Community Clinics**
**RE: The Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) - 2011/2012**

Dear Colleague:

This letter is intended to provide information on the Universal Influenza Immunization Program – 2011/2012. It is directed primarily to organizations (e.g., public hospitals, long-term care homes) currently receiving transfer payments from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) who plan to provide mass community influenza immunization clinics.

**Vaccine Supply and Delivery**

<b>Influenza Vaccine Supply for the UIIP 2011/2012</b>	
Vaccine Strains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus</li> <li>• A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus</li> <li>• B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.</li> </ul>
Vaccine Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriflu<sup>®</sup> - produced by Novartis (trivalent inactivated vaccine in pre-loaded single dose syringes)</li> <li>• Vaxigrip<sup>®</sup> - produced by Sanofi Pasteur (trivalent inactivated vaccine in multi-dose vial)</li> <li>• Flud<sup>®</sup> - produced by Novartis (trivalent inactivated vaccine with adjuvant targeted to individuals ≥65 years of age and older and available in Ontario for residents of Long-Term Care Homes)</li> </ul>

The ministry has announced that immunization clinics can begin the first week of October, 2011. Please consult with your local public health unit to determine vaccine availability for your clinics.

The Flud<sup>®</sup> vaccine is reserved in Ontario for individuals aged 65 years or older who live in Long-Term Care Homes (LTCHs). Regulated health care professionals should not expect to receive this vaccine for their reimbursable clinics. This Flud<sup>®</sup> vaccine will be provided to LTCHs only, through auto-shipments by the local public health units.

## Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) UIIP 2011/2012 Recommendations

- All individuals aged 6 months or older who live, work or attend school in Ontario, and who have no contraindications, are encouraged to receive the publicly funded influenza vaccine (Agriflu<sup>®</sup> or Vaxigrip<sup>®</sup>).
- All residents of Ontario LTCHs, who have no contraindications, are encouraged to receive publicly funded Flud<sup>®</sup> vaccine through the UIIP for protection from the influenza virus.

### The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Recommendations

The NACI *Statement on Seasonal Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (TIV) for 2011/2012* is not yet available. When published, the NACI statement will be available on the [Public Health Agency of Canada website](#). The ministry will notify you when the NACI statement becomes available.

### Promotional Materials for the UIIP

Promotional materials and publications for the UIIP will be available from [Service Ontario](#).

### Access to UIIP Information

The UIIP manual and program materials such as the fact sheet and vaccine ordering and reporting forms and this letter, etc. will continue to be available from the [ministry's website](#).

### Reimbursement for Community Clinics

Community clinics may be eligible for reimbursement by the ministry at \$5.00 per dose of influenza vaccine administered at the community clinic. The criteria that must be met for reimbursable clinics can be found in the [UIIP Manual](#).

### Vaccine Utilization Reporting to the Ministry

As a condition of receiving publicly-funded influenza vaccine for administration, all sections of the *Vaccine Utilization Invoice Reimbursable Clinic* form must be completed where appropriate, including authorization signatures. The following information **must** be reported to the ministry on the report form for all vaccine recipients at the clinic:

- all vaccine doses administered and wasted by lot number; and
- gender and age breakdown by group (risk group or general population).

Completed *Vaccine Utilization Invoice Reimbursable Clinic* forms must be submitted to the local public health unit as soon as possible but **not more than 10 days** after the date of the influenza immunization clinics. Further information about completing this form can be found in the [UIIP Manual](#).

**Invoices that are incomplete or received after February 28, 2012 will not be processed.**

Enclosed, please find the *Vaccine Utilization Invoice* form to facilitate data collection of all doses of influenza vaccine administered through reimbursable clinics.

**Information for Community Health Centres (CHC) Only**

With the expansion of primary care services, the number of new satellite community health centres (SCHCs) has increased across the province. Please be advised that reimbursement for influenza immunization clinics held by SCHCs, will be sent to the lead CHC. Satellite sites should contact their lead CHC prior to the implementation of the UIIP this season in order to coordinate submissions of invoices under the lead CHC.

For further questions or concerns regarding the UIIP, please contact your local [public health unit](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

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**Attachment**

- Vaccine Utilization Invoice – Reimbursable Clinics