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Dear Healthcare Provider,

On Friday, October 23, 2009, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the use of the investigational antiviral drug Peramivir intravenous (IV) in certain adult and pediatric patients with confirmed or suspected 2009 H1N1 influenza infection who are admitted to a hospital. Specifically, Peramivir IV is authorized only for hospitalized adult and pediatric patients for whom therapy with an IV drug is clinically appropriate, based on one or more of the following reasons:

- The patient is not responding to either oral or inhaled antiviral therapy,
- Drug delivery by a route other than an intravenous route (e.g., enteral or inhaled) is not expected to be dependable or feasible,

Or for adults only:

- The clinician judges IV therapy is appropriate due to other circumstances.

There are no FDA-approved intravenously administered antiviral drugs for the treatment of influenza. Peramivir is the only intravenously administered influenza treatment currently authorized for use under EUA for 2009 H1N1 infections.

Clinicians considering use of Peramivir IV under EUA must read and understand the content of the FDA-issued 'Emergency Use Authorization of Peramivir IV: Fact Sheet For Health Care Providers' (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/peramivir.htm>) prior to initiating a request and must agree to comply with terms and conditions of authorized use of Peramivir per the FDA-issued EUA. Clinicians who, after reading the Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers, wish to obtain Peramivir IV for a patient can download the request form (or access an electronic request portal) at http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/EUA/peramivir_recommendations.htm.

Clinicians are reminded that two other neuraminidase inhibitor drugs, oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) and zanamivir (Relanza®), are available and recommendations for use of antivirals for the treatment of 2009 H1N1 infections may be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/recommendations.htm>.

Additional information on 2009 Influenza H1N1 diagnosis and patient management is available by calling 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.