Florida Public Antiviral Stockpile Program
Emphasizing Private Partnerships

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Public Stockpile Antiviral Program Goal:

Ensure that all Florida residents and visitors, who have been prescribed antiviral medications for influenza-like illness, have access to these medications regardless of their ability to pay.
Public Stockpile Antiviral Use

• Advise providers to use CDC’s recommendations:
  • Hospitalized patients with confirmed, probable or suspected 2009 H1N1 or seasonal influenza
  • Patients at high risk for influenza-related complications
  • Treatment should not wait laboratory confirmation
  • Decision based on clinical judgment of prescribing practitioner

• Eligibility for utilization
  – Inability to pay, which may be based upon an oral declaration

• Alleviate spot shortage in pharmacies & hospitals
Supply and Demand

• Anticipated high demand for antivirals (i.e. Tamiflu® and Relenza®)

• Antivirals medications are available through the following mechanisms:
  – Retail Pharmacy Sector
  – Private Stockpiles
  – Florida Antiviral Stockpile (Public Stockpile)
  – Strategic National Stockpile (Public Stockpile)
Program Dispensing Options

• County Health Department Patients
  – CHDs with pharmacies
    • Utilizing established pharmacy procedures with a valid prescription
  – CHDs without pharmacies
    • Utilizing established Nurse Issuance protocol and procedures

• Non-County Health Department Patients
  – Retail pharmacies
    • Chain drug stores
    • Independent drug stores
  – Hospital pharmacies
  – Private providers
Retail Pharmacies:

- **Goal:** Provide antiviral to public in need at no cost or minimal cost, using Public Stockpile Antivirals
  - Allows for self-declaration of need by the patient
  - Cannot charge for these antivirals
  - Allows for pharmacy to charge a dispensing fee and/or waive that fee

- **Emergency Rule Suspension Needed**
  - Under 64F-12.011(1)(j) FAC, FDOH may partner with retail pharmacies to dispense public stockpile antivirals.
    - New rule package filed with Department of State
      - Under emergency rule until formal rule making process is complete
    - Written agreement required between our State Pharmacy and the Retail Pharmacies
• Implementation
  – Our state pharmacy developed community pharmacy network with retail pharmacy providers
  – Invitation to participate
  – Pharmacies selected based on geographic location and population demographics
  – Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)
Program Dispensing Options

Address Spot Shortage of Antivirals in Retail Stores

• Under existing rule, 64F-12.011(1)(a) FAC, FDOH may transfer public stockpile antivirals to pharmacies to support a localized spot shortage

• One-way transfer under existing rule – in other words, we cannot take the medication back

• State pharmacy will verify shortage with main distributor to the chain

• State pharmacy will fill the request.
Hospital & Private Providers

• Under F.S. 465.019(2)(b) and with the existing Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration, hospital or other institutional pharmacies (closed pharmacies) may dispense a **full course of pharmaceuticals**.

• Spot shortages will be addressed and alleviated through the CHD under existing rule.64F-12.011(1)(a) FAC.

• CHDs may transfer public antiviral pharmaceuticals to healthcare entities including hospitals, licensed medical directors, and clinics
  – As outlined under 64F-12.011(1)(h) and (i) FAC with the existing Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration.
Distribution of Antiviral Medications

All participating pharmacies (both public and private) will continue to fill antivirals:

- Facilitated by the FDOH Bureau of Statewide Pharmaceutical Services
- Normal business practices
  - Ordering
  - Storage & Inventory
  - Record keeping & Tracking
  - Recovery
Thank You