

## SCAN Providers:

# Order Vaccine and Prepare for the 2010–2011 Flu Season

### **ACIP recommends Universal Flu Vaccination for the 2010-2011 Flu Season.**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends flu vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older who have no contraindication (e.g. egg allergy). Now you will be able to protect more patients from the flu than ever before. It will also simplify your office process: you only need to screen patients to identify candidates for live attenuated flu vaccine (LAIV)\*. If you have limited supply of vaccine, consider vaccinating high-risk patients first such as those over 50 and those with a health condition. Vaccinating the people around high-risk patients, particularly children and caregivers, who are likely to bring flu into the household will also protect these high-risk patients.

### **As a physician your recommendation is the most influential factor in your patient's choice to be vaccinated.**

This flu season, use every encounter as an opportunity to immunize your patients against flu. English-language and Spanish-language patient and staff educational materials are available for download at [www.scanhealthplan.com/flushots](http://www.scanhealthplan.com/flushots).

### **The H1N1 antigen is part of the 2010–2011 trivalent seasonal flu vaccine.**

A separate vaccine will not be needed to protect against Pandemic H1N1 flu. A single trivalent vaccine will protect your patients from the flu virus strains that are mostly likely to circulate. Patients who received an H1N1 vaccine this past flu season are unlikely to have sufficient residual protection against H1N1 in the upcoming season. They will also need to be protected against the other two strains of flu that might circulate this year. They will need to receive trivalent flu vaccine this fall.

### **If you have not ordered flu vaccine, please order from the manufacturers now.**

Trivalent seasonal flu vaccine will be available this fall only through vaccine manufacturers and distributors. It will not be provided through the national centralized flu vaccine distribution program as was done for H1N1 in 2009–2010. Place your flu vaccine order as soon as possible so that your supply will meet your patients' needs. Get information for flu vaccination manufacturers and distributors at: [www.flusupplynews.com/resources.cfm](http://www.flusupplynews.com/resources.cfm)  
[www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats\\_healthcare.asp](http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats_healthcare.asp)

Stay up-to-date with the latest information on the flu vaccine. Check [www.scanhealthplan.com/flushots](http://www.scanhealthplan.com/flushots) for info, links and resources to help you make your flu vaccination program a success.

\*LAIV is approved for healthy people ages 2 to 49. SCAN members are not eligible for LAIV.

