

Information Discussion from Department of Health and Human Services on H1N1

Call: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID: 3H1N1;

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009;

Time: 2pm-3pmET.

Opening Remarks:

Co-Chairs – Dr. Sally Phillips, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and
Jean Sheil, CMS Pandemic Coordinator;

Moderator – Susie Butler, CMS Office of External Affairs.

Purpose:

The purpose of this third H1N1 call is to discuss the Secretary of Health and Human Services invoking her waiver authority under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. This allows for the waiver or modification of certain Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in Social Security Act programs in the emergency area and for the time periods covered by the 1135 authority.

Requests by providers to operate under the flexibilities afforded by the waiver should be sent to the CMS regional office.

We will be talking live questions during this call. However, if you would like to submit a question prior to the call, please send your question to: Pandemic@cms.hhs.gov. Put "November 10, 2009 Call" in the subject line. We will have subject matter experts on hand to answer questions, and having your questions in advance ensure that we will have the right people available to respond.

We recognize that this call is being held during normal business hours; the Encore feature will be available for audio replay beginning 2 hours after this call has ended. Please dial (800) 642-1687 and enter Conference ID 3H1N1. This access will expire May 10, 2010.

Helpful websites:

- www.flu.gov;
- www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu;
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1/Downloads/RequestingAWaiver101.pdf> --Information outlining the 1135 Waiver process;
- <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm100228.htm> -- information on antivirals;
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6539.pdf> -- CMS billing information;
- http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Emergency/Downloads/Medicare_FFS_Emergency_Qs_As_082609.pdf -- Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers.

All callers please dial: 1-800-837-1935 and use Conference ID 3H1N1.

Dial in at least 20 minutes prior to start of the call. Inform the operator of the conference ID number.

You will be in listen-only mode during the call. To make conferencing adjustments from your phone using a touchtone telephone keypad:

Press (*) & 0 to reach the Operator;

Press (*) & 4 to equalize your volume;

You can access the first H1N1 Information Exchange call from August 20, 2009 by using the Encore feature, by dialing (800) 642-1687, and entering Conference ID H1N1. This feature is available until February 20, 2010.

You can also still access the second H1N1 Information Sharing call from September 14, 2009 by using the Encore feature as well. Dial (800) 837-1935 Conference ID 2H1N1. Access will expire March 14, 2010.