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SUBJ: 2015-2016 ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

A. IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS, COMDTINST M6230.4 (SERIES)

1. THE FLU VACCINE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL COAST GUARD (CG) ACTIVE DUTY (AD) AND SELECTED RESERVE (SELRES) PERSONNEL. IT IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR CONTRACT AND AUXILIARY HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE. CG CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND NON-APPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) EMPLOYEES ARE NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINATION AT CG CLINICS TO COMPLY WITH FINANCIAL POLICIES.

2. THE FLU VACCINE SUPPLIED BY THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA), PHILADELPHIA WILL BE ORDERED CENTRALLY BY THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WORK-LIFE SERVICE CENTER (HSWL SC) AND NOT INDIVIDUALLY BY EACH UNIT.

3. LAST YEARS (2014-2015) FLU VACCINE MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE 2015-2016 ANNUAL FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL POLICY AND CURRENT FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) REGULATIONS, PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY REMAINING STOCK OF LAST YEARS VACCINE.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SEASONAL FLU AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU.

5. UNITS WITH INDEPENDENT DUTY HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS ASSIGNED, INCLUDING GUAM, SHOULD COORDINATE PROCUREMENT WITH THEIR SUPPORTING REGIONAL PRACTICE CLINIC AND REGIONAL PHARMACY EXECUTIVE (RPE).

6. THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY IMMUNIZATION HEALTHCARE BRANCH (FORMERLY THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY) WEBSITE HAS UPDATED INFORMATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FLU VACCINE PROGRAM. COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND THIS YEARS FLU VACCINE TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE, [HTTP://WWW.VACCINES.MIL/INFLUENZA-SEASONAL](http://WWW.VACCINES.MIL/INFLUENZA-SEASONAL).

7. THE 2014-2015 FLU VACCINE INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (AFLURIA), TRIVALENT, 0.5 ML SINGLE DOSE PREFILLED SYRINGE, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 5 YEARS AND OLDER, PRESERVATIVE/LATEX FREE.

B. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (AFLURIA), TRIVALENT, 0.5 ML DOSE, MULTI-DOSE 5 ML VIAL FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 5 YEARS AND OLDER, CONTAINS THIMEROSOL.

C. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLULAVAL), QUADRIVALENT, 0.5 ML DOSE, MULTI-DOSE 5 ML VIAL FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 3 YEARS AND OLDER, CONTAINS THIMEROSOL.

D. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUARIX), QUADRIVALENT, 0.5 ML SINGLE DOSE, PREFILLED SYRINGE, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 3 YEARS AND OLDER, PRESERVATIVE FREE.

E. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUZONE), QUADRIVALENT, 0.5 ML SINGLE DOSE, PREFILLED SYRINGE, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 6 MONTHS TO 35 MONTHS OF AGE, PRESERVATIVE FREE.

F. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUMIST), QUADRIVALENT, INTRANASAL SPRAY 0.2 ML DOSE, PREFILLED SINGLE USE INTRANASAL SPRAY, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING 2-49 YEARS OF AGE, PRESERVATIVE FREE, NOT FOR USE DURING PREGNANCY. MEDIMMUNE (SUPPLIER OF FLUMIST) WILL ONLY SHIP IN INCREMENTS OF 50 DOSES OR MORE. MEDIMMUNE WILL CONTACT EACH FACILITY PRIOR TO SHIPPING THE VACCINE.

8. FLUMIST IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE FLIGHT OR DIVING STATUS.

9. FLUMIST RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS: CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE RECEIVING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SHIPMENT. DOCUMENT THE DATE/TIME THAT THE CONTAINER WAS OPENED AND COMPARE IT TO THE DATE/TIME STAMP ON THE CONTAINER. IF GREATER THAN 72 HOURS, DO NOT USE THE PRODUCT. DO NOT FREEZE THE PRODUCT. UNITS ARE TO IMMEDIATELY STORE FLUMIST IN A REFRIGERATOR UPON RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT.

10. ALL CONUS AND OCONUS SHIPMENTS OF FLU VACCINE, WHICH INCLUDE

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INJECTABLE AND INTRANASAL DOSAGE FORMS, WILL INCLUDE A TEMPERATURE MONITORING DEVICE (TEMPTALE) THAT IS TO BE DEACTIVATED UPON RECEIPT AND FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO (DLA) FOR READING. INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FLU VACCINE SHIPMENTS. ALL UNITS WILL COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT OR VACCINE MAY NOT BE RELEASED FOR USE. THE NOTATION AND FORWARDING OF THE TRACKING NUMBER WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE HSWL SC FLU VACCINE COORDINATOR.

11. FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE TRICARE BENEFICIARIES BY ANY TRICARE AUTHORIZED PROVIDER THROUGH ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING NETWORK PHARMACIES AT NO COST TO THE BENEFICIARY. TO LOCATE A PARTICIPATING PHARMACY VISIT:

HTTP://WWW.EXPRESS-SCRIPTS.COM/TRICARE/ OR CALL 1-877-363-1303.

12. MRRS CODING FOR THE 2015-2016 FLU SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. CVX CODE 140: FOR DOCUMENTING (TRIVALENT) SINGLE-DOSE SYRINGES, THESE ARE MADE WITHOUT PRESERVATIVE (AFLURIA).

B. CVX CODE 141: FOR DOCUMENTING (TRIVALENT) MULTI-DOSE VIALS, THESE ARE MADE WITH PRESERVATIVE (AFLURIA).

C. CVX CODE 149: FOR DOCUMENTING A SINGLE-DOSE INTRANASAL SPRAYER. THIS YEARS PRODUCT WILL BE A QUADRIVALENT, INTRANASAL, LIVE-ATTENUATED, VACCINE (FLUMIST).

D. CVX CODE 150: FOR DOCUMENTING (QUADRIVALENT) SINGLE-DOSE SYRINGES, THESE ARE MADE WITHOUT PRESERVATIVE (FLUARIX).

E. CVX CODE 158: FOR DOCUMENTING (QUADRIVALENT) MULTI-DOSE VIALS, THESE ARE MADE WITH PRESERVATIVE (FLULAVAL)

F. CVX CODE 161: FOR DOCUMENTING (QUADRIVALENT) SINGLE-DOSE SYRINGES, THESE ARE MADE WITHOUT PRESERVATIVE (FLUZONE).

G. ADDITIONAL CVX CODES FOR ADDITIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE PRODUCTS. DOD DID NOT CONTRACT FOR THESE PRODUCTS BUT THE CODES MAY BE USED WHEN TRANSCRIBING RECORDS THAT INCLUDE THOSE PRODUCTS.

13. FOR AD AND SELRES PERSONNEL RECEIVING THE FLU VACCINE THROUGH THE TRICARE PHARMACY BENEFIT, THEIR VACCINE INFORMATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED INTO DEERS. REGIONAL PRACTICE CLINIC STAFF AND HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL MUST UPLOAD VACCINE INFORMATION INTO MRRS VIA THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

A. GO TO THE IMMUNE TAB IN MRRS.

B. SELECT DEERS IN THE ALIGN COLUMN (FOR INFLUENZA).

C. SELECT ADD TO THE FLU IMMUNIZATION DATE.

14. THE FOLLOWING CG CLINICS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED DOD SENTINEL SITES: CG BASE PORTSMOUTH, CGS MOBILE, CGS NORTH BEND, USCG ACADEMY, CGS =SECTION 02=====

BASE MIAMI ISC, CGS MIAMI AIR STATION, CGAS BORINQUEN, AND USCG SECTOR SAN JUAN. THESE SITES SHOULD SUBMIT 6 TO 10 RESPIRATORY SPECIMENS PER WEEK OBTAINED FROM PATIENTS MEETING THE INFLUENZA-LIKE-ILLNESS CASE DEFINITION.

15. POC: CDR AARON MIDDLEKAUFF (CG-1122), 202-475-5181 EMAIL: AARON.P.MIDDLEKAUFF (AT) USCG.MIL, POC: CAPT DANIEL HASENFANG (HSWL SC), 757-615-2138, EMAIL: DANIEL.L.HASENFANG (AT) USCG.MIL

16. CAPT ERICA SCHWARTZ, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES, SENDS.

17. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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