

**Attention All Providers,**

The following is an excerpt from a recent broadcast fax issued by the Medical Society of Delaware:

**H1N1 Information**

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is establishing a pre-registration process for all licensed immunization providers interested in administering the H1N1 vaccine. Pre-registration is free and registered providers are not committed to order or administer the vaccine but will receive updates and vaccine planning information. Physicians already enrolled in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program will be expected to make the H1N1 vaccine available to VFC clients who seek it. Go to [www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/h1n1providerpreregform.pdf](http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/h1n1providerpreregform.pdf) to print a pre-registration form.

The H1N1 vaccine may be available as early as 10/1/2009. According to a letter from Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) Director Karyl T. Rattay, M.D., the initial distribution of the vaccine will be focused on the most vulnerable groups based on epidemiological data: pregnant women (via Obstetricians and hospitals); children ages 6 months to 4 years, especially those with underlying illness (via Pediatricians and hospitals); and caregivers of pregnant women, infants, and young children with underlying illness (hospital staff in Maternity and Newborn Nursery/NICU, and pediatric inpatient units). Shortly thereafter, it is expected that more vaccine will be available to cover other members of the priority groups.