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MEMORANDUM

TO: UCVDP Providers

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SUBJECT: Swine Flu Guidance

The purpose of this memo is to make you aware of available resources for obtaining the most current guidance regarding novel swine influenza A (H1N1). As information on this outbreak is constantly evolving, the following resources are being updated on a daily basis:

- NC Division of Public Health at http://www.ncpublichealth.com
- NC Pandemic Flu at http://www.ncpanflu.gov
- CDC at http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm

Novel Influenza A is a reportable condition in North Carolina. You are encouraged to view the guidance sheets listed below on the NC Division of Public Health and Pandemic Flu websites to ensure you are following appropriate testing, treatment and reporting procedures.

- Update for NC Clinicians
- Interim Guidance on Case Definitions
- Interim Guidance for Specimen Collection
- Interim Guidance for Use of Antiviral Medications
- Interim Guidance on Infection control in Healthcare Settings
- Interim In-Home Care Recommendations for Patients and Caregivers

This is a rapidly evolving situation and guidance should be considered interim and will be updated frequently.

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