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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Priority Groups for Influenza Vaccine

Due to unanticipated early demand for influenza vaccine, delivery of the influenza immunization program needs to be paced to match demand to available supply. Vaccine is only to be provided to groups at highest risk for death and hospitalization/complications from influenza.

The list of groups eligible for publicly-funded vaccine has been revised as an interim measure until a sufficient supply of influenza vaccine is obtained.

Please delete and destroy the following page from Communicable Disease Control Manual Chapter II – Immunization Program:

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