Memorandum

Date: November 10, 2020

To: Health Care Credential Holders

From: Dawn B. Crim, Secretary-designee

RE: Providers Can Now Enroll in COVID-19 Vaccine Program

You may have heard recent promising news about the likelihood of a COVID-19 vaccine in 2020. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Program is now enrolling providers who will be allowed to administer vaccines once they are approved. DHS has also created a COVID-19 Vaccinator Enrollment Tool (link on the Vaccine Program page) to help providers through the enrollment process.

Enrollment in the COVID-10 Vaccine Program is required to administer COVID-19 vaccine in Wisconsin. COVID-19 vaccine will not be available for private purchase; it will only be available for delivery through the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

Enrollment is open to all providers that will vaccinate against COVID-19, such as health care systems; health care providers; pharmacies; local and tribal health departments; mass vaccination sites; and long-term care facilities (LTC) and assisted living facilities (ALF) that are not participating in the Pharmacy Partnership program.

If your organization plans to administer COVID-19 vaccine, please register as soon as possible, especially if you plan to vaccinate priority populations, such as health care workers, essential workers, or people 65+ years.

To enroll, please follow the steps outlined on the DHS COVID-19 Vaccinator page.

After completing enrollment and obtaining approval from the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Program, your entity will receive COVID-19 vaccine as supply allows. During the first phases of vaccination, it is anticipated that the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine program will be allocated a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, recommendations will be to administer vaccine first to certain priority groups, and the program plans to focus shipments of vaccine to entities that can vaccinate those early priority groups. As vaccine supply increases over time, vaccine allocations and recommendations will likely expand to other groups.

We are sharing this information on behalf of our colleagues at DHS. If you have questions, please email the COVID-19 Vaccine Program directly.

The prospect of a vaccine in our future is definitely good news for all of us, and yet I know that we are not out of the woods yet. I also know our health care providers have already been working for a long time under very difficult circumstances. Thank you for all you do for the people of Wisconsin.