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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hospital Administrators
Hospital Pharmacists
Infusion Sites
Hospital Emergency Response Coordinators
Regional Hospital Coordinating Centers

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RE: Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Allocations to Healthcare Partners

On September 13, HHS transitioned from the direct ordering process for mAbs to a state-coordinated distribution system, similar to that used from November 2020 – February 2021. This allows the state/territorial health departments to make these decisions for the state. Transitioning to a state-coordinated distribution system will give health departments maximum flexibility to get these critical drugs where they are needed most.

The following correspondence was recently released by HHS:

- **As of Monday, September 13, 2021: Administration sites will no longer order mAb directly from AmerisourceBergen. HHS will determine each state's weekly amount of mAb products based on COVID-19 case burden and mAb utilization.**
- State health departments subsequently identify which sites in their respective jurisdictions receive the product and the amount each site receives.
- HHS will determine weekly distribution amounts for each state based on weekly reports of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in addition to data on inventories and use submitted in HHSProtect.
- State Health Departments will determine where the product goes in their jurisdictions.
- HHS will continue to monitor product utilization rates, COVID-19 case burden, and overall availability of mAbs to determine when a shift back to the normal direct ordering process may be possible.

Cycle 1 Allocations to the Illinois: (distribution week 9/13)

Bam/ETE: 280 patient courses

REGEN-COV: 2490 patient courses/doses

All future requests for products will now go through a request process to the state. Please use the smartsheet link to make a request for product: [IDPH Monoclonal Antibody Request Form \(smartsheet.com\)](https://smartsheet.com)

Future Requests for product will follow this schedule:

1. **Friday to Tuesday of Cycle week** – Providers allowed to make requests for upcoming cycle

Cycle 2 – 9/20/2021 (Request no later than 9/21/2021)

Cycle 3 – 9/27/2021 (Request no later than 9/28/2021)

Cycle 4 – 10/4/2021 (Requested no later than 10/5/2021)

Cycle 5 – 10/11/2021 (Requested no later than 10/12/2021)

Cycle 6 – 10/18/2021 (Requested no later than 10/19/2021)

Cycle 7 – 10/25/2021 (Requested no later than 10/26/2021)

Cycle 8 – 11/1/2021 (Requested no later than 11/2/2021)

Cycle 9 – 11/8/2021 (Requested no later than 11/9/2021)

Cycle 10 – 11/15/2021 (Requested no later than 11/16/2021)

2. **Tuesday – Thursday of cycle week** – allocations released to states and local allocations will be determined based on requests and areas of need
3. **Friday** – allocations are entered in the AmeriSource Bergen Distribution Portal; SIREN Distribution to providers indicating allocation amounts

Note: *A request does not guarantee the amount of Mab requested will be provided or that the request will be approved. Priority will be based on areas of the state with the greatest need.*

Current order status – The state was provided with a list of unfulfilled orders on September 14, 2021. These have now been entered and allocated to those specific sites for Illinois. Any previous orders would have been processed by ABC.

State Allocation Process will consider the following information:

- Case rate by county
- Available ICU beds in COVID Region (not all counties have ICU beds)
- Social Vulnerability Index by county (High vs. Low SVI)

Teletracking/Utilization Reporting:

The use of Teletracking by infusion/injection sites in Illinois is a requirement for any sites receiving monoclonal antibody therapy and will continue for future allocations.

New providers should establish a Teletracking account and begin reporting utilization via the directions [here](#).

Supportive Resources:

- [Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Playbook](#)
- Amerisource Bergen support center: C19therapies@amerisourcebergen.com
- IDPH Technical Assistance:
 - Allocation and Distribution: Theresa Tolar Theresa.tolar@illinois.gov
 - Clinical Guidance: Dr. Arti Barnes arti.barnes@illinois.gov
 - Secondary Contact: Ashley Thoele ashley.thoele@illinois.gov
- [Teletracking](#)
 - Email hhs-protect@teletracking.com
 - Call 1-877-570-6903