



HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

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September 9, 2009

California Department of Public Health
Emergency Preparedness Office
1615 Capitol Avenue, MS 7002
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: Kristy Perez

Re: Expedited Process for LHD/Local HPP Entity to request 25% of
Federal H1N1 Supplemental Funds

Dear Ms. Perez:

Enclosed please find one (1) original signed "H1N1 Supplemental Funds – Expedited Payment Agreement" for the County of El Dorado.

I have signed this Agreement for the County of El Dorado, contingent on approval by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Due to the limited processing time for this Agreement, this item has been scheduled for Board review and approval prior to the end of September 2009. Upon approval by the Board, a copy of the Board minutes authorizing signature of the Agreement will be immediately forwarded to your attention.

Sincerely,

Neda West, Director
El Dorado County Health Services Department
931 Spring Street
Placerville, CA 95667

Encl.



MARK B HORTON, MD, MSPH
Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor

California Department of Public Health

**Agreement to Allocate Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
Public Health Emergency Response Phase I and II Funds, and
U.S. Health and Human Services,
Pandemic Influenza Healthcare Preparedness
Improvements for States Funds**

On April 28, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger issued a Proclamation of Emergency, requiring the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to take all necessary actions to respond to the H1N1 Influenza A outbreak. Under this proclamation, the Governor ordered CDPH to enter into such contracts as it deems appropriate to provide services, material, personnel and equipment to supplement the extraordinary preventive measures implemented by local jurisdictions. Based on the imminent need to plan and prepare for an escalation of H1N1 and implementation of H1N1 vaccination campaigns, this contract letter serves as a mechanism for expeditious release of federal H1N1 supplemental funds to Local Health Departments (LHD) and Local Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Entities to plan, prepare for, and respond to an H1N1 Influenza pandemic.

Federal H1N1 Supplemental Funds included in this agreement are:

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Phase I, Focus Area 1
- CDC PHER Phase I, Focus Area 2
- CDC PHER Phase II, and
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Pandemic Influenza Healthcare Preparedness Improvements for States funds (HPP H1N1 Supplemental Funds)

By signing this agreement and accepting the initial 25% of any of the four funding allocations described in Attachment A, each LHD/Local HPP Entity agrees to spend these initial funds according to State requirements to be released in the 2009-10 Local Guidance. (draft guidance attached), which incorporates the applicable federal guidances issued for PHER Phases I and II, and U.S. HHS Pandemic Influenza Healthcare Preparedness Improvement for States (see below);

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By September 3, 2009, CDPH will release a final 2009-10 Local Guidance document describing the formal process and timeline for local submission of workplans and budgets and CDPH review and approval of local applications.

Once this signed agreement is received from a LHD/Local HPP Entity and CDPH has secured state expenditure authority for use of these funds, CDPH will release the initial 25% of the applicable four funding allocations described in Attachment A to that LHD/Local HPP Entity. This 25% release of funds shall constitute the advance payment authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 38080, and shall be contingent upon and subject to the terms and conditions of the formal agreement to be executed following submission of a workplan and budget.

Each LHD/Local HPP Entity also agrees, by signing this agreement and accepting the initial 25% payment, to submit a workplan and budget for the entire allocation for each of the four funding allocations described in Attachment A, according to the 2009-10 Local Guidance requirements, and to execute a formal agreement governing the expenditure of the entire allocation.

In order to expedite the release of these funds, please return a signed copy of this agreement to CDPH no later than September 10, 2009. Please send signed forms via overnight mail directly to Kristy Perez, California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office, 1615 Capitol Avenue, MS 7002, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The following are the intended purposes that apply to the respective funding allocations described in Attachment A. Each LHD/Local HPP Entity agrees to spend each of their four funding allocations in accordance with the description below and the 2009-10 Local Guidance.

- a) CDC PHER Phase I. Requirements and funding for LHDs are divided into two focus areas:
 - a. Focus Area 1: Vaccination, Antiviral Distribution/Dispensing and Administration, Community Mitigation, and Other Associated Pandemic Preparedness and Response Activities. The purpose of Focus Area 1 is to conduct accelerated planning activities to identify and address gaps in existing plans and to initiate implementation of activities in preparation for a possible mass vaccination campaign. LHDs should plan for both vaccination and community mitigation activities which can be complemented by use of antiviral drugs. Costs for training and education of the public health workforce to support these activities are allowable.
 - b. Focus Area 2: Laboratory, Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Other Associated Pandemic Preparedness and Response Activities. The purpose of Focus Area 2 is to ensure a robust capacity to detect and monitor influenza illness and viruses through laboratory testing, epidemiology, surveillance, public health investigations, and other

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associated pandemic response activities. Costs of equipment (such as molecular diagnostics, specimen storage freezers and information technology equipment for laboratory personnel), consumables (such as swabs, transport media, pipet tips, and personal protective equipment), equipment maintenance (including equipment maintenance contracts), and training and education of the public health workforce are allowable.

b) CDC PHER Phase II Funding for Vaccination Campaign Planning.

LHDs are expected to use this additional funding for accelerated H1N1 influenza vaccination planning activities and to address remaining gaps in mass vaccination planning.

- c) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Pandemic Influenza Healthcare Preparedness Improvements for States. The primary purpose of this funding for Local HPP Entities is to improve the healthcare systems' ability to develop and implement activities within the following two priority areas, in preparation for a pandemic influenza event. These funds are intended to support the following:
- a. Healthcare Workforce Protection
 - b. Healthcare Surge Capacity

The Local Allocation table for each of these funding streams is attached. (See Attachment A).

Please indicate with a check the funding streams you are applying for:

CDC PHER Phase I, Focus Area 1 (LHDs)

CDC PHER Phase I, Focus Area 2 (LHDs)

CDC PHER Phase II (LHDs)

HHS Pandemic Influenza Healthcare Preparedness Improvements for States funds (HPP H1N1 Supplemental Funds) (Local HPP Entities)

Local HPP Entities that are not part of the LHD should indicate the county or counties they represent and include a letter from the LHD indicating their intent to be represented by the Local HPP Entity.

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Required Signatures:

Local Health Department/Local HPP Entity

County of El Dorado - Health Services Department

Organization

941 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667

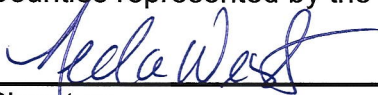
Address

Neda West, Director, Health Services Department

Authorized Representative of LHD/Local HPP Entity (print name)

El Dorado

Counties represented by the Local HPP Entity



Signature

Date 9-9-09

California Department of Public Health

Elisabeth H. Lyman
Deputy Director
Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Signature

Date _____