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Based on survey data obtained by the CDC, it has been determined that Tamiflu, Oral Suspension is in short supply at the retail pharmacy level. As a result of the findings the CDC released the medication from the Strategic National Stockpile. Illinois has received a pro rata allocation of the antivirals and will be shipping the medications directly to Illinois Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) hospitals throughout Illinois.

Each HPP Hospitals will be receiving 1 case (18 courses of treatment) of Pediatric Tamiflu, Oral Suspension for H1N1 Influenza infections in children 0-5 years of age.

Some of the Tamiflu, Oral Suspension that hospitals will receive will have reached its manufacturer's labeled expiry date. On 14 July 2009, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) authorized the emergency use Tamiflu oral suspension for which the expiry has been extended under the federal government's Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP). Please see table below for lot numbers received in Illinois and the shelf life extension dates.

<b>TABLE: Pediatric Tamiflu, Oral Suspension</b>		
<b>Lot numbers</b>	<b>Manufacturer's Original Expiry Date</b>	<b>Date Supported by Shelf Life Extension Testing</b>
<b>B1047</b>	November 30, 2005	February 28, 2010
<b>B1048</b>	January 31, 2005	August 31, 2010
<b>B1065</b>	June 30, 2006	August 31, 2010

This EUA is attached and can also be found at:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/fda\\_letter\\_tamiflu.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/fda_letter_tamiflu.pdf)

In lieu of relabeling, this FDA EUA requires Provider dispensing Tamiflu oral suspension to provide a copy of the Patient/Parent fact sheet. Please see attached.

Please note that the fact sheet does refer the patient/parent to an FDA website to validate, by lot number, the new expiry date of the product.

The patient/parent fact sheet is also posted at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/tamiflu-patients.pdf>

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In addition, a health care provider fact sheet, attached, is posted at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/tamiflu-hcp.pdf>

See, also is attached, the Illinois HPP Tamiflu- Frequently Asked Questions for additional information on the dissemination of the product in Illinois.

Please Contact the Illinois Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Response, Division of Disaster Planning and Readiness with additional questions/ concerns.

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