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**COVID19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY (mAb) DISTRIBUTION THERAPEUTICS
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Dear Physician/Provider,

Thank you for the important role you play in the distribution and administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapeutics. We know this is a very challenging time, and we appreciate your continued partnership.

We were recently informed that the increased incidence of the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 caused a substantial surge in the utilization of monoclonal antibody drugs, particularly in areas of the country with low vaccination rates. We are committed to ensuring consistent availability of these critical drugs for current and future patients. As such, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has been informed by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the distribution process for mAbs has been updated.


Effective Monday, September 13, 2021:

- Administration sites no longer order directly from AmerisourceBergen.
- Weekly distribution amounts for each state/territory will be determined by HHS based on weekly reports of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in addition to data on inventories and use submitted in HHSProtect.
- State/Territorial Health Departments will determine where product goes in their jurisdictions.

We will continue to monitor product utilization rates, COVID-19 case burden, and overall availability of mAbs. In the meantime, your cooperation in this effort will help ensure that, to the extent feasible, current and future patients receive monoclonal antibodies as needed.

Effective immediately, DPHSS shall receive and distribute all mAb shipments to Guam. If you have any questions, please contact Chima D. Mbakwem, MSHS, Chief Public Health Officer, at 1-671-922-2562 or email at chima.mbakwem@dphss.guam.gov.

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