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MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert

MESSAGE ID:	**MSHAN-20201005-00471-ALT (Health Alert)**
RECIPIENTS:	**All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and Healthcare Providers – Statewide**
	Monday, October 5, 2020
SUBJECT:	**Remdesivir Update: Direct Distribution Through AmerisourceBergen**

Dear Colleagues,

Beginning October 1, 2020, remdesivir will no longer be allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and State Departments of Health.

Hospitals can submit orders for remdesivir directly to AmerisourceBergen for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. AmerisourceBergen will remain the sole U.S. distributor of remdesivir through the end of this year and orders for remdesivir may be placed with AmerisourceBergen on an as needed basis.

Under FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), Remdesivir is recommended for use in treatment of suspected or laboratory confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in hospitalized adult and pediatric patients.

Ordering Remdesivir for your Hospital:

- Remdesivir will be available in AmerisourceBergen ordering platforms for inpatient settings only, using the following item numbers:
    - Veklury® (remdesivir) lyophilized powder: Item number 57889
    - Veklury® (remdesivir) liquid solution: Item number 57890
- Orders of remdesivir can be placed by emailing or calling AmerisourceBergen Customer Service (remdesivir@amerisourcebergen.com or 1-800-746-6273) and through AmerisourceBergen ordering platforms.

Resources:

- Update: Distribution of Veklulry® (remdesivir): AmerisourceBergen
- Remdesivir EUA Letter of Authorization https://www.fda.gov/media/137564/download
- Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download

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- Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers
  https://www.fda.gov/media/137565/download
- Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers (Spanish language)
  https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-caregivers_spanish-language.pdf?la=en&hash=F63F3136CF8A8B2EB21F4A3CEFDB654B

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program:	MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier:	MSHAN-20201005-00471-ALT
Program (HAN) Type:	Health Alert
Status (Type):	Actual ()
Message Type:	Alert
Reference:	MSHAN-00471
Severity:	Unknown
Acknowledgement:	No
Sensitive:	Not Sensitive
Message Expiration:	Undetermined
Urgency:	Undetermined
Delivery Time:	600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

	Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
	Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
	Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

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Message Type:

Alert:	Indicates an original Alert
Update:	Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel:	Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error:	Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of "Update" or "Cancel", this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. "n/a" = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).

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