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Chronic conditions for high risk groups

The H1N1 vaccine will be available to more groups of individuals at high risk of developing severe illness related to influenza due to the following chronic conditions:

- Diabetes;
- obesity (BMI over 30);
- cancer;
- chronic kidney disease including those on dialysis;
- asthma requiring medication (such as an inhaler);
- other chronic lung conditions such as cystic fibrosis which require ongoing treatment;
- congenital heart abnormality;
- neurological disorders including cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other seizure disorders as well as those associated with difficulty swallowing and managing respiratory secretions;
- Down Syndrome and other developmental delays which affect managing respiratory secretions;
- congenital or acquired immune deficiency including taking medications that suppress the immune system;
- any disorder requiring ongoing ASA (aspirin) treatment;
- anemia or hemoglobinopathy; and
- chronic liver disease;

In all cases, personal identification and documented proof of eligibility, such as a prescription for chronic conditions, will be required

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