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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners,

**SUBJECT: Informative – Nirsevimab and Abrysvo Supply Shortages and Prioritization of Distribution to Tribal Clinics**

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), I'm writing to inform you of **Nirsevimab and Abrysvo supply shortages and prioritization of distribution to tribal clinics.**

On 10/13/23, due to limited supply, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) paused ordering on the new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) prevention product nirsevimab for infants and young children. There are 1.1 million doses available nationwide under CDC allocation. Nirsevimab takes approximately nine months to manufacture, so there will not be more available this RSV season. DOH received 14,000 doses of nirsevimab in October and we only expect 8,300 more doses this season.

Abrysvo, a new RSV immunization, can also protect infants and young children. This vaccine is administered to pregnant people 32-36 weeks gestation and prevents newborns from developing severe RSV illness. At this time, we do not know how much we will receive from the CDC for people under age 19 and people over age 19 who are uninsured. Once we have more information, we will ensure that doses are prioritized to tribal clinics.

Due to these shortages, tribal clinics will have priority ordering to receive at least 5% of any allocation of either product. Doses of nirsevimab will be prioritized to the following provider groups: **100 mg product for tribal clinics; 50 mg product for tribal clinics and birthing hospitals.** This process aligns with the recommendations from the [Tribal-State-LHJ Coordination Plan](#) and clinical guidance reference [CDC Health Alert Network advisory 10/23/23](#).

**For more information and to ensure your community receives nirsevimab and Abrysvo allocations, please provide the total number of doses requested for this season to Vaccine Tribal Liaison Lisa Niels at [lisa.niels@doh.wa.gov](mailto:lisa.niels@doh.wa.gov).**

We will do our best to fulfill all requests. Please note that both products are distributed through the DOH Childhood and Adult Vaccine Programs. **Enrollment is required.** For further information or questions, please contact Tribal Policy Director Candice Wilson at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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