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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All NC Hospitals  
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**FROM:** Drexdal Pratt, Chief   
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**SUBJECT:** H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Hospital Preparedness Program (PIHPP) Online Application

**DATE:** November 4, 2009

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services is pleased to announce the availability of the online application for the H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Hospital Preparedness Program (PIHPP) at <https://www.emspic.org/documents/PDF/grantapplication.php>. The purpose of this grant, which is funded by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in the US Department of Health and Human Services, is to aid NC hospitals in the development or enhancement of existing preparedness plans and procedures as it relates to H1N1. The total amount available to NC hospitals is \$1.5 million, with funding being considered in the following 3-tier format: \$10,000.00 Hospital Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), \$15,000.00 Hospital Medical Surge Capacity Plan, and \$100,000.00 Hospital Alternate Care Facility Plan.

Grant application reviews will take place December 1-4, 2009, by a panel of individuals representing stakeholder organizations that work closely with the Hospital Preparedness Program. All applications that are complete and meet the application criteria will be ranked using a point based system and the awards will be given to the higher ranking applications. **Electronic applications must be received no later than Wednesday, November 25, 2009, by 5 PM. One signed original and two paper copies must be mailed and postmarked no later than the date mentioned above.**

Members of the PIHPP team have made every effort to anticipate questions of potential applicants and have provided answers in the attached FAQ document. However, if you have additional concerns, please contact Brad Thompson, H1N1 Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Medical Services at 919-855-3947 [brad.thompson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:brad.thompson@dhhs.nc.gov).

Attachment

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