

## **PARTNERING WITH LONG TERM CARE PHARMACIES**

### **Monoclonal Antibody Treatments:**

On Monday, December 14th, the Chief Medical Officer of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at HHS (HHS/ASPR), sent a communication to all State and Territorial Health Officials concerning their oversight of the allocation and distribution of COVID-19 therapeutics administered under Emergency Use Authorization. In support of this responsibility and to assist states and territories with their allocation and distribution efforts, HHS/ ASPR is implementing a new federal allocation program called the *Special Projects for Equitable and Efficient Distribution (SPEED)*. The goal of SPEED is to assist states and territories with identifying and allocating monoclonal antibodies (MABs) to non-hospital facilities that serve priority populations.

**HHS/ASPR** is working with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (**ASCP**) and **AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine** to streamline allocation of MABs to every SNF/ALF who requires the treatment. ASCP and AMDA have produced a readiness document [here](#) for pharmacies and long term care facilities.

**AHCA** is working with the other national organizations to help promote access to these therapies. To determine whether or not your facility should utilize this breakthrough treatment for your residents, please discuss with your medical director and contact your long-term care pharmacy to determine if they have signed up for MAB distribution through SPEED.

If they have not, please have the pharmacy email Chad Worz at [cworz@ascp.com](mailto:cworz@ascp.com) and ASCP will add the pharmacy to the list of pharmacies who will receive the treatment through HHS/ASPR allocation.

It should be noted that SPEED is separate and complementary to the state-based MAB allocations. SPEED will be conducted in partnership with national organizations and associations that will assist with educating members (and non-members) and identifying those who are able and willing to administer these infusions. Membership in participating associations is not required for participation as a SPEED facility.

### **VACCINE CLINIC UPDATE:**

Pharmacists and long term care pharmacy personnel are included in PHASE 1A vaccination efforts. Consultant Pharmacists, delivery personnel and other front line pharmacy staff may ask to be vaccinated alongside facility staff during the vaccine clinics managed by CVS, Walgreens or assigned long term care pharmacies. CVS, Walgreens, and the assigned long term care pharmacies are able to vaccinate any contracted staff during the vaccination clinic days. Please include and coordinate with your long term care pharmacy to ensure their essential personnel are vaccinated to best protect the long term care environment.

Thank you for your tireless efforts for your patients in this unprecedented pandemic!