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Dear Colleague

ANTIVIRAL POLICY AND ANTIVIRAL DISTRIBUTION FROM 1 APRIL 2010

With levels of influenza caused by the H1N1 (2009) virus in the community currently low, this letter provides information about a change to antiviral prescribing policy and the stand down of the arrangements for the distribution of antiviral medicines from the pandemic stockpile.

Antiviral Policy

From the 1 April 2010 the treatment of individuals demonstrating flu symptoms will revert to normal arrangements in line with NICE guidance

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