

**Warren County Health Services Committee Agenda
Special Committee Meeting
January 4, 2011
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Action Agenda/New Business

Request Resolution:

To authorize the offering of Influenza (Flu) Vaccine at no charge to individuals who are not insured and would otherwise not receive the vaccine.

Rationale:

The department has received 300 doses of vaccine through the assistance of the New York State Health Department in cooperation with pharmaceutical manufacturers at no charge to Warren County. Normally, an administration charge of \$15.00 is included in vaccines given. In this case, if an administration charge is requested, individuals who would potentially benefit from the vaccine will not receive it.

We are not requesting to change the resolution that authorizes the charge for vaccine purchased by the county and administered to individuals with pay sources.

This has been a year where flu vaccine has been extremely plentiful and easily accessible in many venues (private physician's offices, pharmacies, supermarkets, health departments). We still have vaccine left, and unless there is a significant flu outbreak, it is doubtful we will exhaust our supply.

Next year, assuming the new vaccine is expected to remain plentiful, we will not plan to order as much as this year since our clinic attendance was down – likely because the H1N1 Flu has not been the concern for people that was the case last year and there have been many places to obtain the shots. Revenue wise, we do not expect to lose money for the flu initiative, but we will not make as much as last year. Final tallies are not available yet, as revenues are still coming in from Medicare and other payment sources.

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

MISCELLANEOUS*

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DEPARTMENT NAME: Health Services

DATE: January 4, 2011

- (a) Purpose of Request: To authorize the offering of influenza vaccine at no charge to individuals who are not insured and would otherwise not receive the vaccine.
- (b) Details: Health Services has received vaccine through the assistance of NYSDOH from pharmaceutical manufacturers at no charge to Warren County. Normally, an administrative fee is included in all vaccine given. In this case, if an administration fee is requested, individuals who would benefit from the vaccine will not get it. We are not requesting to change the resolution that authorizes the charge for vaccine purchased by the county for administration to individuals with a pay source. This has been a year where flu vaccine has been extremely plentiful and accessible through physicians, pharmacies, supermarkets, etc. We still have vaccine left and unless there is a significant outbreak, it is doubtful we will exhaust our supply. In 2011, assuming new vaccine remains plentiful, we will not order as much as for 2010 since our clinic attendance was down probably because of the abundance of vaccine available and also due to H1N1 not being an issue. Revenue-wise we will not lose money but will not make as much as last year either.
- (c) Previous Resolution Number: n/a