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### **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

# Monoclonal antibody therapeutics are being made available through a state/territory-coordinated distribution system

As of September 13, 2021, COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapeutics are being made available through a state/territory-coordinated distribution system. State and territorial health departments know best where product is needed in their areas. Transitioning to a state/territory-coordinated distribution system gives health departments maximum flexibility to get these critical drugs where they are needed most. **As of Monday, September 13, 2021:** 

- Weekly distribution amounts for each state/territory will be determined by HHS based on weekly reports of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in addition to data on inventories and use submitted to the federal government.
- State/Territorial Health Departments will determine where product goes in their jurisdictions.
- For more information use this link to read the U.S. Department of Health's Announcement
- o American Pharmacists Association: <u>The PREP Act now allows eligible licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 therapeutics that FDA has approved, authorized, cleared, or licensed.</u>

New Jersey pharmacies interested in ordering monoclonal antibody therapeutics please contact IPA at 609-395-8616 or email at <a href="mailto:areznik@ipagroup.org">areznik@ipagroup.org</a>. We will inform the New Jersey Department of Health of your interest.

<u>Link to New York State Department of Health Guidance to Providers on How to Request COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Therapeutics</u>

#### **New Episode of the Independent Pharmacy Alliance Podcast**

We discuss PBM Reform with Tom D'Angelo, Chairman of the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY)

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## Your Support is Making a Difference - Be a PBM Reform Advocate

I'm asking all New Jersey pharmacies to contribute to IPA's PAC to support OUR PBM reform agenda. Your support is making a difference, Together, we have passed three PBM Reform Laws in New Jersey and now we are working towards full enforcement of those laws. Click this link to find out more.

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