Remdesivir (RDV) is currently being allocated weekly to hospitals through AmerisourceBergen (ABC) based on an allocation model from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). ABC is calling each hospital to inform the facility of its remdesivir allocation from LDH and to inquire about the quantity the hospital would like to purchase. ABC will then invoice hospitals at wholesaler acquisition cost (WAC).

Any part of an allocation that is refused by a hospital will be returned to HHS so LDH will not have the opportunity to reallocate the remainder to other hospitals.

Up to this point, the State allocation for a hospital has been based on data provided by the hospital through the ESF-8 portal. Since LDH no longer has the ability to reallocate refused RDV to other hospitals, it will now be the hospitals responsibility to request an allocation each week. This should eliminate any allocation refusals and allow the State to allocate RDV to smaller hospitals.

Beginning Wednesday, July 29 and each Wednesday thereafter, each hospital will need to request its weekly allocation by emailing rdv.pharm@la.gov. The email request must be received by Wednesday at 5 p.m. each week in order for the hospital to receive product the following week. The state’s ability to fulfill hospitals’ requests will depend on the amount of RDV received from HHS.

If you do not submit an allocation request or if you refuse all or part of an allocation, you will not receive product until the next allocation cycle. This means that the inventory you have on hand will need to last 14 days.

Currently HHS has secured all of Gilead’s projected production through September. The availability and cost of RDV after September is not known.

ALLOCATION PROCESS SUMMARY

- **Wednesday by 5 p.m.:** Hospitals email their weekly allocation requests to rdv.pharm@la.gov
- **Thursday:** HHS informs LDH of its weekly allocation amount. Then, LDH develops an allocation model based on hospitals’ requests.
- **Friday:** The allocation model is sent by LDH to AmerisourceBergen (ABC).
- **Monday:** ABC notifies hospitals of their finalized allocation amount.
- **Tuesday:** Weekly shipments begin from ABC to hospitals.

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