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Dear partners,

I'm writing to update you on some improvements we are making to streamline the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) operational environment. These changes reflect our commitment to building a more efficient, targeted response system that better serves communities facing public health emergencies.

With advancements in threat detection over the past 25 years, the SNS can better tailor products needed for a specific threat rather than sending general, broad-spectrum packages of medical countermeasures. Delivering the right medicines and supplies for a specific incident will reduce time needed at the receiving end by eliminating the need to sort through unnecessary items. This will also reduce potential waste.

We have conducted a thorough analysis of all SNS medical supplies and equipment to evaluate current needs and identify outdated materiel and product configurations. This review revealed that some supplies have not been deployed in years and are no longer included in state and local emergency plans. Based on this review, the SNS is retiring two products:

- **12-Hour Push Package:** Originally designed to rapidly deploy a broad-spectrum of supplies when a threat was unknown or ill-defined, this approach is no longer necessary given enhanced threat assessment capabilities.
- **Federal Medical Stations:** These stations have not been deployed in more than five years and are not critical to response plans for SNS core mission areas.

This approach enables the organization to allocate funding more strategically toward medical countermeasures that provide direct value to the core SNS mission of responding to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats and pandemic influenza. Rather than maintaining unused equipment and product configurations, resources will be directed toward procuring and storing supplies that are most needed for these specific threats.

These changes will not adversely impact SNS response capabilities or the service SNS provides to our partners across the country. More information will be forthcoming on how states, local governments, tribal entities and territories may access some of the materiel we are divesting, if you are interested.

We appreciate your dedication to public health and your continued partnership in safeguarding the readiness and resilience of your communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SNS Office of State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Preparedness at sns-sltd@hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
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