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To: All ND Pharmacies

RE: Hydroxychloroquine Dispensing Decisions

It has come to our attention that there have been encouraging results found with Hydroxychloroquine to treat those who have a positive test for COVID-19 virus [coronavirus].

As I am sure you know, this drug is not widely used, which is why we have surveyed the state to try to determine what quantities are available at our various pharmacy locations. It is very likely that you will receive requests from practitioners or prescriptions for this drug in the treatment of the patients. We recommend that you exercise professional judgement in dispensing this drug to those who have a medically appropriate reason to have it.

As time goes on, and the state comes to understand the full impact of this pandemic, those decisions may change. Again, please exercise discretion as this drug maybe most beneficial for those who are at the highest risk of dire complications due to contracting this virus.

Thank you – if you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Hardy, PharmD
Executive Director

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