Second Amendment to the Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Vaccine Providers’ Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines

And now, on this 25th day of March 2021, I hereby amend my Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Vaccine Providers’ Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines, as amended, as follows:

Section 3(C) (relating to Vaccine Providers Appointments) is amended by striking Section 3(C)(4) and replacing with the following new paragraphs:

4. A Vaccine Provider under this subsection shall schedule appointments as far into the future as necessary to accommodate all Phase 1A individuals requesting appointments and in anticipation of receiving similar allocations to that received in the two previous weeks prior to the effective date of this Subsection.

   a. A Vaccine Provider under this subsection may not refuse to schedule an appointment for a Phase 1A individual regardless of how far in the future it is needed to make the appointment due to the volume of appointments.

   b. A Vaccine Provider under this subsection may not include in its messaging, including on its website or telephone line, that no appointments are available. A Vaccine Provider under this subsection who informs a Phase 1A individual that no appointments are available is in violation of this Order and may be subject to the enforcement actions under Section 5 (relating to enforcement).

5. In addition to the other requirements of this subsection, a Vaccine Provider under this subsection shall coordinate, when requested by the Department or its representative, with either of the following to schedule appointments for adults eligible under Phase 1A:

   a. The applicable local Area Agency on Aging.

   b. The applicable Medical Assistance Managed Care Organization(s).

Coordination shall include, at a minimum, the requirement to schedule an appointment for an individual referred to the Vaccine Provider by either the local Area Agency on Aging or the Medical Assistance Managed Care Organization(s).
My Order of February 12, 2021, as amended on March 16, 2021, otherwise remains unchanged. This Amended Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 26th, 2021 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

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Alison V. Beam
Acting Secretary of Health