Dear EZIZ Users,

In response to provider reports of challenges procuring specific types of needles and needle/syringe sets, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the following guidance, "How to Respond to Problems with Purchasing Needles for Influenza and Other Routine Vaccinations." As demand for influenza vaccination in some locations may be high, supplies of specific types of needles and needle/syringe sets may be limited or even temporarily unavailable.

CDC reassures providers that there are no widespread shortages of syringes/needles. Adequate supplies are expected to be available to support both the 2020–2021 influenza vaccination program and routine vaccination efforts.

The CDC guidelines provide detailed steps to take if you encounter difficulty in purchasing needles or needle/syringe sets. If you continue to encounter difficulties in procuring the needed supply after working through the suggested steps, please contact the Immunization Service Center at 800-232-4636 (800-CDC-INFO) or by email at nipinfo@cdc.gov and report any supply disruptions to the FDA device shortages mailbox at deviceshortages@fda.hhs.gov.