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## MedAssets begins rollout of 2008-09 Flu Vaccine Program

The Flu Vaccine market continues to be very dynamic and each season brings with it a new set of challenges. We are pleased to report that the 2007-2008 season will be recorded as one that produced a record number of Flu Vaccine doses-well over 130 million. The supply difficulties of the recent past appear to be behind us and the challenge moving forward is to significantly improve vaccination rates- especially in all high risk populations.

As we begin the roll out of the 2008-2009 MedAssets Flu Vaccine Program, we believe that the market has stabilized and we anticipate that there will be an even greater number of doses available for the upcoming season. There are several reasons for our optimism. Sanofi Pasteur and GlaxoSmithKline had solid production in 2007. Novartis Vaccines (formerly Chiron) appears to have fully recovered from their past difficulties and had a good year as well. ID BioMedical (now a division of GlaxoSmithKline) continued to make inroads into the U.S. flu market and CSL Biotherapies received FDA approval and began selling their doses in the U.S. as well. If all goes as projected, it is anticipated the five supplies will manufacture in excess of 150 million doses for the U.S. market next season.

With that goal in mind, MedAssets is pleased to announce prebooking opportunities distributed by FFF Enterprises or ASD Healthcare. As an HPS member, you can take advantage of MedAssets prebooking to make certain your facility is vaccinated. Prebooking for FFF begins on January 7, 2008 and ends February 29, 2008. Visit [www.MyFluVaccine.com](http://www.MyFluVaccine.com) to book online. Prebooking for ASD begins January 2, 2008 and ends March 31, 2008. Visit [www.asdhealthcare.com](http://www.asdhealthcare.com) to book online or fill out the ASD application, available on the HPS website, [www.hpsnet.com](http://www.hpsnet.com) under contract updates. Or, contact Kandy Barnum at the HPS office, (800) 632-4572 to receive an application. You must have a DEA number to establish an account.