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THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS) FACT SHEET

What it means to you:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency (natural disaster, terrorist attack, disease outbreak) severe enough to cause local supplies to run out. Once federal and local authorities agree that the SNS is needed, medicines will be delivered to any state in the U.S. within 12 hours. Each state has plans to receive and distribute SNS medicine and medical supplies to local communities as quickly as possible.

What should you know about the medicines in the SNS?

- The medicine in the SNS is **FREE** for everyone.
- The SNS has stockpiled enough medicine to protect people in several large cities at the same time.
- Federal, state and local community planners are working together to ensure that the SNS medicines will be delivered to the affected area to protect you and your family if there is a terrorist attack.

How will you get your medicine if the SNS is delivered to your area?

- Local communities are prepared to receive SNS medicine and medical supplies from the state to provide them to everyone in the community who needs them.
- Find out about how to get medicine to protect you and your family by watching television, listening to the radio, reading the newspaper, checking the community Web site or learning from trusted community leaders.

For more information:

- Visit www.adph.org/pharmacyunit or call the Alabama Department of Public Health at (800) 252-1818.