Dear Healthcare Provider:

This letter is to update you on recent changes to Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) and regulations regarding the requirements for pesticide illness reporting.

## **Required Reporting**

Pesticide poisoning is a potential public health threat due to widespread pesticide use. Reporting pesticide-related illness cases is an essential step towards prevention of future cases. Under Arizona law (<u>AAC R9-4-202</u>), all healthcare professionals are required to report pesticide-related illness or injuries to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

## When to Report

Timely reporting on your part allows ADHS to initiate prompt investigation.

- Pesticide-related hospitalization, death, or cluster cases must be reported within 1 day.
- All other suspected or confirmed pesticide-related illnesses must be reported within 5 days.

## How to Report

Please collect as much information as possible from the patient during the examination and use one of the following methods for reporting.

- Call the Arizona Poison Control Centers (PCCs) at 1-800-222-1222.
- File the case using the ADHS Medical Electronic Disease Surveillance Intelligence System (MEDSIS) electronically.
- Fax or Mail a report form to:

Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Environmental Health - EHC 150 N. 18th Ave, Ste 220 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Fax: 602-364-3146

• Call Us at 602-364-3118

For more information, please contact us by phone (602-364-3118) or email (environmentalhealth@azdhs.gov) or visit our azdhs.gov/pesticides.