

Remdesivir Distribution and Allocation Update
Frequently Asked Questions
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How do hospitals in Virginia receive Remdesivir?

Effective today, **October 1, Veklury (remdesivir)** will be provided via normal commercial distribution mechanisms and the supply will no longer be managed and allocated through the government.

When did the change go into effect?

The current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) memorandum of agreement with Gilead Sciences, Inc. (the manufacturer of remdesivir) and AmerisourceBergen (the distributor) signed on June 28, 2020, to secure at least 500,000 treatment courses of remdesivir for use in American hospitals ended on September 30, 2020.

What purchase quantity will be available to hospitals in order to ensure the appropriate treatment dose?

Hospitals can purchase unrestricted amounts of remdesivir directly from the distributor. According to Gilead Sciences, Inc., AmerisourceBergen will remain the sole distributor of remdesivir, at least through December 2020.

What do hospitals need to do to set up an account with AmerisourceBergen/ASD Healthcare?

Any hospital that does not currently have an account with AmerisourceBergen can establish one by [visiting their online ordering portal](#). Additionally, AmerisourceBergen is available to answer questions or concerns from purchasing hospitals to assist in making this process a smooth transition. AmerisourceBergen can be contacted directly at 877-746-6273 or via email at remdesivir@amerisourcebergen.com.

Are hospitals able to transfer inventory at cost to other hospitals within the state?

Hospitals may transfer Remdesivir to other hospitals within the state of Virginia. If hospitals have remaining remdesivir that was distributed by VDH at no cost, the sites may continue to be used for treatment of patients. Hospitals that have remaining supply, but an insufficient supply for treatment, may contact Kimberly Thompkins (Kimberly.thompkins@vdh.virginia.gov), Pharmacist, Virginia Department of Health Division of Pharmacy Services for assistance with redistribution.

What is the best point of contact for VDH Pharmacy Services?

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