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**TO: All Licensed Alaska Health Maintenance Organizations, Third Party Administrators (“TPAs”), Registered Administrative Services Providers with Respect to Health Insurance, Insurance Companies, and Health Service Corporations (together “Assessable Entities”)**

**RE: 2020 Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP) Child and Adult Monthly Assessment Rates**

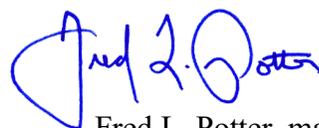
At its annual rate-setting meeting on September 19, 2019, the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program's Advisory Council voted to recommend the child and adult per person monthly assessment rates to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). After careful review of fiscal control points, TRICARE in making regular quarterly assessment payments, the Council unanimously agreed that the recommended child rate for 2020 should be \$7.43 per child per month and the adult rate should be \$0.52 cents per adult per month. This reflects a penny *reduction* of rates notwithstanding the facts that (a) average vaccine costs from vaccine manufacturers were up by over 5½ percent last year on the child’s side and (b) on the adult side the program is being expanded to cover all federally-recommended vaccines. AVAP appreciates the cost-effective and highly professional oversight by DHSS and careful vaccine management by providers which support AVAP’s cost reductions.

For planning purposes, AVAPs Advisory Council wanted you to know that, absent the release of funds from excess reserves, this year’s assessments would have been \$7.74 monthly per child and \$1.31 monthly per adult. For 2021 planning purposes, it would be prudent for assessment payers to plan for rates closer to those levels than the penny reductions in this letter for 2020.

We are pleased to advise that the DHSS accepted the Council’s recommended rates for assessments falling due in 2020. Please note, these new lower rates will first become effective with the assessment payments due on February 15, 2020. The current assessment rates will remain in effect through the November 15, 2019 assessment payment due date. KidsVax®’s assessment system will automatically apply the correct rate for all timely filed payer assessment reports.

Thank you for your continued support of Alaska’s universal vaccine purchase program.

Sincerely,



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