

October 4, 2022

**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: 2023 Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP) Child and Adult Monthly Assessment Rates**

At its annual rate-setting meeting on September 15, 2022, the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program's Advisory Council voted to recommend next year's child and adult per person monthly assessment rates to the Alaska Department of Health (DOH). After careful review of fiscal control points and the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19's varied impacts, the Council unanimously recommended immunization rates for 2023 as follows:

- \$9.85 per child per month
- \$1.51 per adult per month

The 2023 monthly assessment rate increase for both children and adults is a result of two key factors:

- The separation of child and adult vaccines, as required by CDC, will result in an overall increase in doses to be purchased
- The application of 50% of reserve cash funds in 2022 resulted in a significantly reduced rate. If reserves were not released, the 2022 rate would have been as follows:
  - Children: \$9.23
  - Adult: \$0.78

AVAP commends the diligence of DOH during these difficult times in both dampening for Alaska the decline in immunizations experienced in other states and maintaining program efficiencies. AVAP's 2023 assessment rates are in the ranges we predicted in last year's advisory. They move AVAP's rates closer to the current costs of vaccines but remain significantly below private purchase costs. Thus, AVAP continues to yield cost savings for Alaskans.

We are pleased to advise that the DOH accepted the Council's recommended 2023 rates. **Accordingly, the monthly \$9.85 per child and \$1.51 per adult assessment rates will become effective with payments due on February 15, 2023.** The current rates will remain in effect through the November 15, 2022 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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