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RE: Please participate in AVAP

Dear health care insurer or other payer,

The Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is writing to encourage all health care insurers and other payers to participate in the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP). This is the most cost-effective and efficient way to provide vaccines for all of Alaska's children.

Vaccines are one of the greatest achievements in public health, and vaccination is one of the few cost-saving health care interventions. All Alaskans benefit from high immunization rates. By participating in AVAP, payers can assure their clients that they will have easy and ready access to vaccines at the most competitive prices. Participation by all payers will minimize administrative expenses for all providers.

During 2015, the first year of AVAP, pediatricians across Alaska have appreciated the benefits of AVAP for their patients and their practices. Pediatricians have been able to maintain a streamlined process with one vaccine supply for all children, and have not had to front the cost of purchasing expensive vaccines. Accordingly, pediatricians have been able to provide all vaccines to their patients within their medical home, and have not had to refer patients to other locations to receive the more expensive vaccines (e.g., HPV and meningococcal vaccines).

By working together, we can provide Alaska's children with easy access to cost-effective vaccines. If we can provide you with any further information regarding this program, please contact us at the addresses or phone numbers provided.

Sincerely yours

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