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TO: Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson
Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services

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SUBJECT: Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program – 2018 Assessment Rates

The Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP) advisory Council met on September 21, 2017 to discuss and approve the 2018 child and adult assessment rates for the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program.

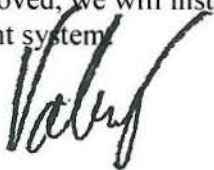
We are pleased to report that the Council voted unanimously on these matters. As you may recall, AS 18.09.210(a) provides that the "State Vaccine Assessment is established in the department for the purpose of determining the amount of vaccine assessments made by the Commissioner to be paid by assessable entities and other program participants in the state under procedures established by the council." The Council voted to recommend the following rates for 2018.

	<u>Per-Month Cost</u>
1. Pediatric population assessment:	\$8.61
2. Adult population assessment:	\$0.88

For reference, the rates for 2017 were \$8.62 per child per month and \$0.60 per adult per month.

The statute provides that these numbers will be established by the Commissioner based on the recommendation of the Council. If you wish to approve the recommended rates, we have included a line below for your signature to adopt these recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Once the rates are approved, we will instruct KidsVax® to publish them to www.akvaccine.org and update the assessment system.

10/5/17
Date



Commissioner, DHSS

cc: Joe McLaughlin, MD, MPH, State Epidemiologist and Chief, Section of Epidemiology