

November 2, 2015  
*Sent by e-mail*

Commissioner Harry Chen  
Vermont Department of Health  
108 Cherry Street  
Burlington, VT 05402

**RE: Immunization Funding Advisory Committee Recommendations**

Dear Commissioner Chen,

The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee met on October 28, 2015 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §1130. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and then vote on the cost of vaccines for adults and children and the 2016 assessment rate for the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program.

We are pleased to report that the Committee voted unanimously on these matters after meaningful discussion. As you may remember, 18 V.S.A. §1130(g) provides that the “Committee is established to provide the Commissioner of Health with an annual per-member per-month cost for vaccines for the pediatric population, an annual per-member per-month cost for vaccines for the adult population, and a recommendation for the amount of the yearly vaccine assessment.” The Committee voted unanimously as follows:

**VOTED:** To Provide the Commissioner of Health with the Committee’s findings, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §1130(g)(1), that the per-member per-month costs for vaccines are as follows:

	Annual Cost	Per-Month Cost
1. Pediatric population costs:	\$ 116.40	\$ 9.70
2. Adult population costs:	\$ 5.88	\$ 0.49

**VOTED:** To Provide the Commissioner of Health with the Committee’s recommendation, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §1130(g)(1), that the 2016 Assessment Rate should be as follows:

	Annual Assessment	Per-Month Assessment
1. Pediatric population assessment:	\$ 128.76	\$ 10.73
2. Adult population assessment:	\$ 6.96	\$ 0.58

We are writing to forward these numbers for your consideration. The statute provides that these numbers will be established by the Commissioner based on the recommendation of the Committee. If you wish to establish these numbers as recommended, we have included a line below for your signature to adopt these recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, and we will be glad to assist as needed. If you wish to set another rate, please provide further guidance on how we should proceed.

Once you have established these rates, VDH has directed KidsVax<sup>®</sup> to publish them to the website at [www.VTvacine.org](http://www.VTvacine.org). We will also update the assessment system with these new numbers. We

look forward to hearing from you. If we can assist you in any way with this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Chevalier

Timothy Chevalier  
Project Leader  
KidsVax®

After reviewing the recommendations of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee, and after consultation with Christine Finley, the Immunization Program Manager, I adopt the Committee's findings regarding the cost of vaccines. I further adopt the Committee's recommendations regarding the assessment rate and set the 2016 assessment rate as recommended. I direct VVPP to post a notice of the 2016 Assessment Rate at [www.VTvaccine.org](http://www.VTvaccine.org).

Signed:

11/3/2015

Date



Harry Chen, Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Health

cc: Christine Finley, Immunization Program Manager  
Susan Barrett, Chair, Immunization Funding Advisory Committee