

May 1, 2019

Assessment Rate Notice for SFY2020

This is the annual announcement advising you of the new assessment rate for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020. On April 24, 2019, the Commissioner of Health set the SFY2020 Assessment Rate for the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program based on the recommendations of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee.

The new monthly rate for child covered lives will be \$4.54. The new monthly rate for adult covered lives will be \$0.56. These rates will take effect for amounts due on August 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, February 15, 2020, and May 15, 2020 for the measuring months of April through June 2019, July through September 2019, October through December 2019, January through March 2020, respectively.

The first quarterly assessment at the new rate in this notice will be payable August 15, 2019. The assessment due on May 15, 2019 for the measuring months of January through April will be at the 2019 Assessment Rate of \$.01 per child per month and \$.01 per adult per month as set on October 31, 2017.

As advised when the 2018 rate reduction was set last year, the SFY2020 assessment rate remains somewhat below normal levels. The lower than normal assessment rate is due to a few contributing factors which include the remaining surplus detailed in the Notice of Reduced Assessment Rate for 2018; additional lives due to TRICARE's current participation in the immunization program; and the receipt of an amount for TRICARE arrears. It is anticipated that next year the assessment rate will return to normal levels. For planning purposes, the best estimate at this time for the SFY2021 assessment rate is \$10.07 per child covered life per month and \$1.02 per adult covered life per month. The SFY2021 assessment rate will be reviewed for final determination in April 2020.

We thank the payer community for their continued support and participation in the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program. We also want to express our appreciation to the Vermont Department of Health for their continued efforts to strengthen the overall accuracy of information supporting the annual VVPP assessment setting process.

The Commissioner's letter approving this change can be found on the VVPP website under the "News & Notices" section at www.VTvaccine.org. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if we can offer further assistance.

April 24, 2019

Sent by e-mail

Commissioner Mark A. Levine, MD
Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

RE: Immunization Funding Advisory Committee Recommendations

Dear Commissioner Levine:

The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee met on April 23, 2019 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §1130. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote on the cost of vaccines and the SFY20 assessment rate for children and adults for the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program.

We are pleased to report that the Committee voted unanimously on these matters after meaningful discussion. 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:

To provide the Commissioner of Health with the Committee’s findings that the per-member per-month costs for vaccines are as follows:

	Annual Cost	Per-Month Cost
1. Pediatric population cost:	\$110.28	\$9.19
2. Adult population cost:	\$ 11.16	\$0.93

To provide the Commissioner of Health with the Committee’s recommendation that the SFY20 Assessment Rate should be as follows:

	Annual Assessment	Per-Month Assessment
1. Pediatric population assessment	\$54.48	\$4.54
2. Adult population assessment	\$ 6.72	\$0.56

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® to publish them to the website at www.VTvaccine.org. We will also update the assessment system with these new numbers. We look forward to hearing from you. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Nicole G. Price
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 SFY20 assessment rate as recommended. I direct VVPP to post a notice of the SFY20 Assessment Rate at www.VTvaccine.org.

Signed:

4/25/19

Date



Mark A. Levine, MD, Commissioner
Vermont Department of Health

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