

May 4, 2022

### Assessment Rate Notice for SFY2023

This letter is the annual notice advising you of the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program's (VVPP) new assessment rates for the upcoming state fiscal year (SFY) 2023. We are pleased to inform you that the rates for both child and adult covered lives are decreasing in the next year.

The new monthly rate for:

- **child covered lives** will be **\$9.98**
- **adult covered lives** will be **\$1.68**

Please note, prior to the rate change, the assessment due on May 15, 2022, for the measuring months of January through April (2022) will be at the 2022 Assessment Rate of \$12.02 per child per month and \$1.70 per adult per month as set on April 21, 2021. The first quarterly assessment at the new rate in this notice will be payable August 15, 2022.

These rates will be used to determine the amounts payable on the following dates for their associated measuring months:

- **August 15, 2022** (April through June 2022)
- **November 15, 2022** (July through September 2022)
- **February 15, 2023** (October through December 2022)
- **May 15, 2023** (January through March 2023)

The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee (IFAC) recommended the upcoming SFY23 rates with sensitivity to the fact that there has been an accumulation of cash reserves as the result of payer's best intentions to avoid unnecessary shortfalls in the immunization program's vaccine funding on short notice. The committee carefully considered that the following year may result in what may seem like an appreciable rate increase as a result of releasing the balance of currently held cash reserves to defray the cost of the upcoming year's rates. Notably in FY22, Vermont's vaccine cost savings are estimated to be in excess of 20% as a result of the universal purchase of statewide vaccines and the Committee wishes to share the savings with the payer community at this time.

In the event there would be a significant assessment rate increase in SFY24, it is still anticipated that the percent cost savings would be similar to this year's as a result of VVPP's fiscally responsible work and widespread payer collaboration. Assessment increases are primarily driven by annual increases in vaccine costs.

We thank the payer community for their continued support and participation in the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the Vermont Department of Health for its guidance throughout the rate setting process and tireless work during the persisting COVID pandemic.

On May 3, 2022, the Commissioner of Health set the SFY2023 Assessment Rate for the Vermont Vaccine Purchasing Program based on the thoughtful recommendations of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee. The Commissioner's letter approving this change can be found on the VVPP website under the "News & Notices" section at [www.VTvaccine.org](http://www.VTvaccine.org). As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if we can offer further assistance.

April 27, 2022

*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 19, 2022 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §1130. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote on the cost of vaccines and the SFY23 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:	\$122.88	\$10.24
2. Adult population cost:	\$20.40	\$1.70

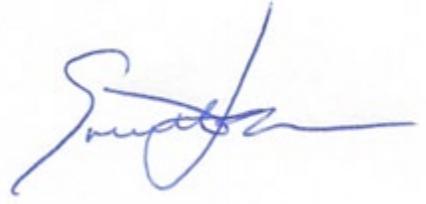
To provide the Commissioner of Health with the Committee’s recommendation that the SFY23 Assessment Rate should be as follows:

	Annual Assessment	Per-Month Assessment
1. Pediatric population assessment	\$119.76	\$9.98
2. Adult population assessment	\$20.16	\$1.68

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](http://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 further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Everett Lamm, MD, FAAP  
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After reviewing the recommendations of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee, and after consultation with Monica Ogelby, 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 SFY23 assessment rate as recommended. I direct VVPP to post a notice of the SFY23 Assessment Rate at [www.VTvaccine.org](http://www.VTvaccine.org).

Signed:

5/3/2022

Date



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

cc: Monica Ogelby, Immunization Program Manager  
Nancy Hogue, PharmD, Chair, Immunization Funding Advisory Committee