FY2024 Annual Report

Dear Supporter,

The NH Vaccine Association (NHVA) has had another active year. As of June 30, 2024, there were 212 provider sites enrolled in the NH Immunization Program (NHIP) providing immunizations to New Hampshire children and 95 payers remitting assessments to the NHVA to fund the immunizations. The total assessed child lives have rebounded slightly as the state emerged from the post-pandemic period.

We are most appreciative of those who support the NHVA's mission to provide funding for childhood immunizations including our assessed payers, the NH Insurance Department (NHID), and the NH Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS).

Highlights from FY2024 include:

- Operating expenses as a percentage of total assessment income remained less than one percent at 0.84%.
- By having NH DHHS leverage the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Vaccine Price List, the NHVA's payers benefitted from a 29.9% discount on vaccine costs.
- The NH General Court updated the NHVA's governing statute to enable the funding for a monoclonal antibody for protection against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants and toddlers.
- The NH DHHS and the NHVA continued to work closely together to anticipate future vaccine costs.

The NHVA would like to thank all its stakeholders for the ongoing success!

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Universal Vaccine Purchasing Program Overview and Benefits

Universal vaccine purchasing programs allow a state to purchase all recommended vaccines for children, regardless of insurance coverage. New Hampshire's program enables state purchase of vaccines for every resident child and distribution of these vaccines to health care providers at no cost to them. The New Hampshire Vaccine Association (NHVA) employs a united approach involving commercial payers, providers, the NH Department of Health & Human Services, and the NH Insurance Department. For FY2024, 40% of the program funding was comprised of Federal Vaccine For Children Program (VFC) and State funds while the remaining 60% was comprised of commercial payer funds.

New Hampshire's Universal Purchase Program ensures that every child who enters a doctor's office, clinic, or hospital can receive recommended vaccines at no cost. More providers have been able to offer vaccination services because they are no longer required to finance the up-front costs of vaccines or be burdened with complex ordering systems. As a result, New Hampshire has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country, and consistently achieves higher vaccination rates than the U.S. as a whole. The program allows vaccines to be purchased from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which saves insurers and TPAs nearly 30% as the vaccines are not purchased on the open market.

Financials Summary

- Operating expenses as a percentage of total assessment income were 0.84% as of FYE June 30, 2024 versus 0.97% as of FYE June 30, 2023.
- Investment income is higher than the prior year due to increased fixed income rates and realized gains.

တ		June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
KEY MEASURES	Assessment Income, Interest on Late Assessments & TRICARE Settlement	\$18,310,143	\$13,873,987
	Assets Released for Operations	(\$154,116)	(\$134,675)
	Operating Expenses as a % of Total Assessment Income	0.84%	0.97%
	Bank & Sweep Interest & Return on Investments (Realized Gain or Loss)	\$693,687	\$321,595
	Remittance to State of New Hampshire	(\$19,600,000)	(\$17,850,929)
		June 30. 2024	June 30,2023
COMPARISON	ASSETS		
	Current Assets		
	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,601,553	\$2,293,531
	Accounts Receivable	\$-	\$-
	Prepaid Expenses	\$1,960	\$1,960
	Total Current Assets	\$1,603,513	\$2,295,431
	Total, Non-Current Assets Investments	\$4,424,734	\$4,481,859
Ш	TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,028,24 <u>7</u>	<u>\$6,777,350</u>
BALANCE SHEET	LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
	Current Liabilities		
	A/P, Accrued Expenses, Refundable Overpayments	\$80	\$-
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$80	\$-
	Net Assets		
	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>\$5,778,167</u>	<u>\$6,527,350</u>
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	+-,,	\$6,777,350
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$6,028,167	<u>\$6,777,350</u>





A Message from the NH Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health Services

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, which was a historic step in improving children's lives by providing recommended vaccines at no cost. For 30 years, the program has served VFC eligible children who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible or Medicaid-enrolled, American Indian or Alaska Native, or underinsured. This national milestone also gives us a chance to pause and appreciate the successful collaboration between NHVA, DPHS, health insurers, and healthcare providers across the state to implement the New Hampshire universal vaccine purchase program for children which builds upon the VFC Program to provide no-cost immunizations to all individuals under 19 years of age regardless of insurance status. Our cooperative approach to funding New Hampshire's universal vaccines program for children has proven to be cost-effective and critical to our shared goal of reducing vaccine-preventable diseases.

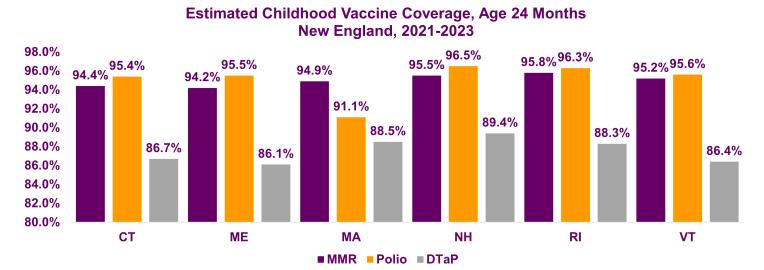
Preventing Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in Infants

Last year, two options became available to parents for the prevention of severe RSV disease: the immunization *nirsevimab*, given to newborns and infants, and the *Abrysvo* vaccine, given during pregnancy to protect newborns. Thanks to recent legislation and passage of Senate Bill 559, which allows for the inclusion of nirsevimab in New Hampshire's universal vaccine purchase program for children, access to RSV protection has expanded. Both options are now available at no cost to individuals under 19 years of age, regardless of income or insurance status. For more information about immunizations to protect infants see https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/vaccines/protect-infants.html.

Vaccination Coverage Among NH Children

Thanks to New Hampshire's universal approach, the state has taken a critical step to ensure "community immunity" for protection against the threat of vaccine-preventable outbreaks.

According to the National Immunization Survey-Child, 2021-2023, the nation saw an overall decline in vaccination rates among children 24 months of age (born in 2020-2021). However, New England had the highest coverage of any region in the US with New Hampshire leading the way. Below, are highlighted regional coverage of the DTaP, polio, and MMR vaccines.

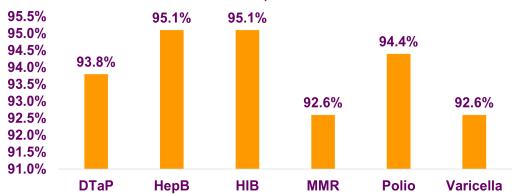


Data Source: NH Communicable Disease Report, National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2021–2023



For the 2023-2024 school year, vaccination coverage among New Hampshire children ages 19-59 months who were enrolled in childcare ranged from 92.6% for the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR) and varicella (chicken pox) to 95.1% for the Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccines.

Estimated Vaccine Coverage Among Children Enrolled in NH Childcare, 2023/24 Academic Year



Data Source: 2023-2024 Annual NH Childcare Immunization Report

We thank you for the work that you do, and we look forward to our continued efforts to preserve New Hampshire's high vaccination coverage and to help safeguard the



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