

October 20, 2017

**TO: All Licensed New Hampshire Health Maintenance Organizations, Third Party Administrators ("TPAs"), Registered Administrative Services Providers with Respect to Health Insurance, Insurance Companies, and Health Service Corporations (together "Assessable Entities")**

You are receiving this notice because the records of either the New Hampshire Vaccine Association ("NHVA") or the New Hampshire Insurance Department ("NHID") reflect that you likely are an "Assessable Entity" under RSA 126-Q. RSA 126-Q is the statute which established and governs NHVA. All Assessable Entities are required to report to the NHVA on a quarterly basis all "Assessable Lives." Assessable Lives are defined by statute to be "all children under 19 years of age residing in the state who have assessable coverage written or administered by an Assessable Entity."

The NHVA, working with KidsVax® as administrator, facilitates universal purchase of vaccines for New Hampshire children. By collecting payments from Assessable Entities and remitting funds to the State of New Hampshire it is possible for:

- physicians, clinics and hospitals to receive state-supplied vaccines at no charge;
- New Hampshire children to have easy access to critical vaccines; and,
- all payers to participate in one of the most efficient, cost-effective systems in the country for purchasing and distributing childhood vaccines.

On September 26, 2017, NHVA's board ("Board") voted to set the 2018 calendar year assessment rate at \$6.70 per assessable life per month. 2018 assessment rate calculations will be made for amounts due on May 15, 2018, August 15, 2018, November 15, 2018, and February 15, 2019 for the measuring months of January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December, 2018, respectively.

The decrease in the assessment rate for 2018 is attributed to vaccine expenses coming in lower than projected creating a favorable cash position. Thus, the Board also advises assessable entities, in connection with this notice, that its current best estimate of the 2019 rate is \$10.45 per assessable life per month. The 2019 assessment rate will be reviewed for final determination in September 2018. Also, kindly be reminded that the rate of \$10.30 per assessable life per month, as set by the board last year, remains in effect for assessment payments due November 15, 2017 and February 15, 2018. Your organization need only enter the correct number of assessable lives for each month. The NHVA self-reporting assessment system will automatically apply the correct rate for each quarter in the invoice it produces.

We are grateful to the payer community for their timely reports throughout 2017 and your ongoing support of the New Hampshire Vaccine Association's program. We invite you to review NHVA's Audited Financial Statements that are available on NHVA's website on the Reference tab. Soon to be available on the website is VaxFactsSM NH 2016-17 which will overview operations of NHVA's last fiscal year as well as the annual cost savings analysis.

As always, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail at any time if we can offer further assistance. We desire to facilitate your efforts to maintain compliance in this important program which benefits New Hampshire children while also mitigating the rising costs of health care.

Sincerely,



Nicole G. Price, NHVA Executive Director