



**Date:** October 26, 2020

**TO:** All Licensed Maine 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”)

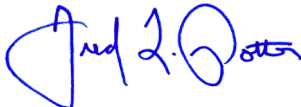
**Re: 2021 Assessment Rate for Child Covered Lives**

You are receiving this notice because the records of either the Maine Vaccine Board (“MVB”) or the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (“ME CDC”) indicate you are likely an “Assessable Entity” under 22 M.R.S.A. § 1066, the statute which governs MVB. The attached Assessment Rate Notice for 2021 has been posted on the MVB website. This memo further expands on the rationale for the 2021 rate.

When MVB set the 2020 assessment rate about one year ago, it projected a likely increase of 12.3% for calendar year 2021, or an expected 2021 assessment of nearly \$9.00 per child covered life per month. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, has resulted in lower than expected vaccine utilization rates. This, in turn, decreased spending and increased MVB’s cash reserves. The Board, mindful of this strong cash position and seeking to mitigate the pandemic’s varied impacts and uncertainties on payers, voted to hold rates steady by applying some of its cash reserves to projected 2021 vaccine costs. At its annual rate-setting meeting on September 22, 2020, after careful review of fiscal control points, the Board voted unanimously to keep the 2021 assessment rate at the same \$7.96 per child covered life per month rate. If the Board had not released more of its reserves than it had forecast, this freeze in assessment rate would not have been possible.

As always, feel free to call should you have any questions concerning the foregoing. Thank you for your continued support of Maine’s universal childhood immunization program.

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