

# Geographic Scope Vaccine Policy

## **Background:**

The Washington Vaccine Association (the “Association”) has been established by act of the State of Washington (“Washington”) Legislature for the purpose of collecting and remitting adequate funds from health carriers and third party administrators (TPAs) for the cost of vaccines provided to certain children in Washington. The Association will comply fully with all laws that relate with the conduct of its activities. Vaccines received by Washington providers are ordered through the childhood vaccine program and vaccines administered to insured children are subject to an assessment.

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify state cross-border issues when a child from outside of Washington receives a vaccine in Washington.

## **Policy:**

A Washington-based provider who receives state-supplied vaccines should administer vaccines and submit the related dosage based assessment (DBA) form for any child who presents in his/her office without regard to the child’s state of residence. Health carriers and TPAs should pay the appropriate assessment, consistent with existing plan design, regardless of where the child resides. The assessment applies whether paid in the form of a DBA, or a settlement report and payment.

## **Rationale:**

The Washington universal purchase program is intended to be seamless, permitting a child to receive vaccines wherever the child presents for vaccination. This policy allows providers to administer state-supplied vaccines without concern over their patients’ residency. It also matches Washington assessments to Washington vaccine supply since Washington is the supplier of childhood vaccines to provider offices throughout the state of Washington.

## **History:**

This policy has been discussed among the Departments of Health of Idaho and Washington and the Executive Director of the WVA, and approved by the WVA Operations Team. It confirms the working understanding now in place among all organizations involved.