

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 insurers and third-party administrators (TPAs) for the cost of vaccines provided to certain children in Washington (RCW 70.290.010-.900). The Association complies fully with all laws that relate to the conduct of its activities. Vaccines received by Washington providers are ordered through the Washington State Department of Health Childhood Vaccine Program (CVP) and vaccines administered to privately insured children are subject to an assessment.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify state cross-border issues when a child under the age of 19 from outside of Washington receives a state-supplied vaccine from a CVP enrolled provider in Washington.

Policy

A Washington-based provider enrolled in the CVP that receives state-supplied vaccines should administer vaccines and submit the related dosage-based assessment (DBA) for any child under 19 with private insurance who presents in their office without regard to the child's state of residence. Health insurers and TPAs should pay the appropriate assessment, 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 in effect since 2010. It confirms the working understanding in place among all entities involved.