



WASHINGTON
VACCINE
ASSOCIATION

*Ensuring Funds for
Childhood Vaccines*



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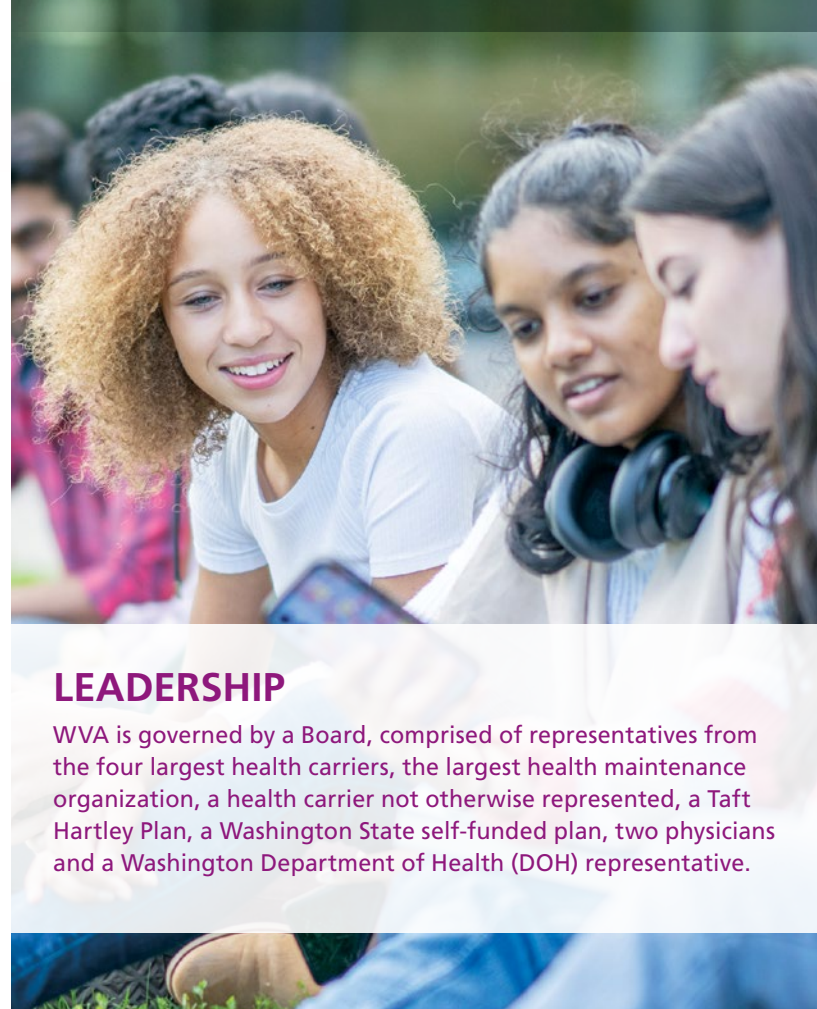
WHO WE ARE

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The Washington Vaccine Association (WVA), a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), and the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) work together in a public/private partnership to support Washington's universal [Childhood Vaccine Program \(CVP\)](#).

The CVP supplies state-purchased vaccines that are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to enrolled providers for children under age 19. Health insurers and third-party administrators (TPAs) reimburse the WVA for vaccines administered to privately insured children. The WVA in turn transfers funds to the WA DOH for bulk vaccine purchases.

The WA DOH uses funding from the federal [Vaccine for Children Program \(VFC\)](#), state Medicaid, and WVA assessments to purchase vaccines at federal contract rates and distribute them to physicians, hospitals, and other providers at no cost to providers or patients through the CVP.



LEADERSHIP

WVA is governed by a Board, comprised of representatives from the four largest health carriers, the largest health maintenance organization, a health carrier not otherwise represented, a Taft Hartley Plan, a Washington State self-funded plan, two physicians and a Washington Department of Health (DOH) representative.

WHAT WE DO

THE WVA MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR:

- Privately insured children to have access to recommended vaccines.
- Payers to participate in an efficient, cost-effective system to facilitate childhood vaccinations at no cost to their members.
- Medical providers to have a blended vaccine stock versus the need to segregate publicly and privately-funded vaccine stocks.
- Medical providers to avoid the burdens associated with purchasing vaccines on their own.

PROVIDERS SUPPORT THE WVA BY:

- Enrolling in the WA DOH CVP and using state-supplied vaccine material.
- Accurately submitting the [Dosage-Based Assessment \(DBA\)](#) to payers alongside administrative claims. This critical step allows physicians, clinics, hospitals, other providers, and their patients to receive vaccines for all children at no cost.
- Ensuring providers and payers do not bill patients for any portion of the vaccine material, regardless of how the payer processes the submitted DBA.

Powerful Benefits

No provider vaccine financing costs or risk of loss

Instead of fronting significant dollars to purchase vaccines from the private market, providers receive pediatric vaccines from the DOH and use their existing billing system to trigger WVA's collection of funding from payers.

Consolidated ordering, delivery, and storage

The DOH provides support for one vaccine ordering process regardless of patients' insurance status. This avoids providers having to navigate complex ordering systems and from keeping separate vaccine storage inventories.

Reducing barriers to immunizations

By making it easier for providers and patients to obtain vaccines, universal purchase can increase immunization rates.

Stable vaccine supply

Providers can focus on patient needs and have the full compliment of recommended vaccines on hand without bearing financial risk.

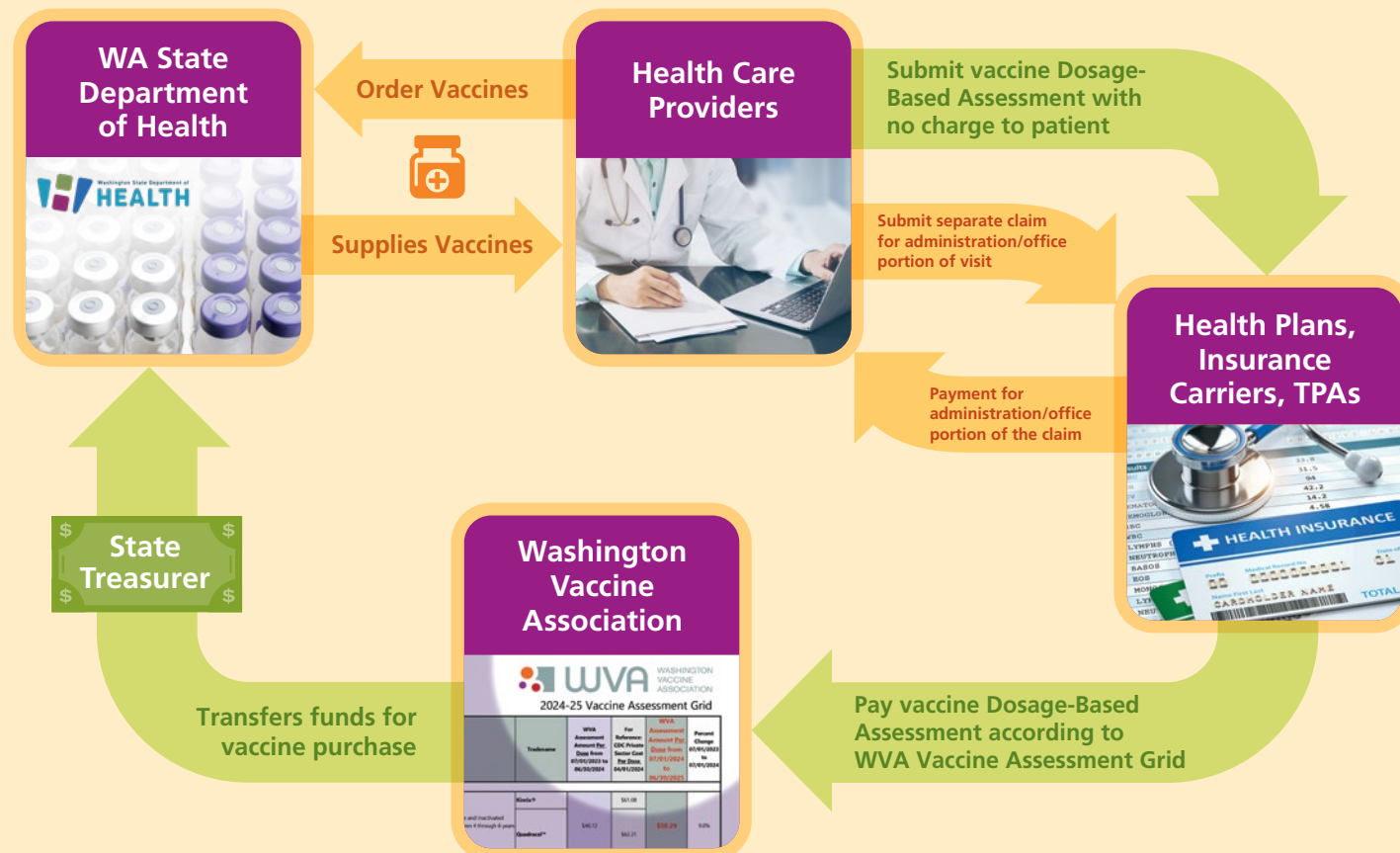
Healthcare savings


The DOH bulk purchases all pediatric vaccines at federal contract rates, which are typically 15-60% lower than private purchasing alternatives, thus, WVA assessments save in costs.

Centralized vaccine management

The DOH manages the vaccine supply, ensuring the most vulnerable populations have access to vaccine material during outbreaks or shortages.

HOW FUNDING WORKS



 By 2025, WVA will have funded **\$1B** of vaccine purchases.

OUR PARTNERS
WA Department of Health, commercial payers and third-party administrators, WA Office of the Insurance Commissioner, hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, public health entities, and association groups

