



Annual Report



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the Washington Vaccine Association (WVA) closes its eleventh year, we look forward to continuing our successful public-private partnership with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). The WVA is instrumental in supporting the state's universal purchase of childhood vaccines, which directly benefits patients, providers, payers, and the public health. As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the WVA's role in providing a stable vaccine funding source is critical, and we are proud to support Washington State's efforts to ensure all children have equal access to vaccines.

In the past year, the Association refined its operations to increase processing capacity, which allows for improved assessment monitoring, cash flow analysis, and forecasting. These investments in the WVA's infrastructure have allowed us to identify potential errors in the assessment processes and be more proactive in correcting issues with provider and payer partners. Additionally, the WVA has used these lessons to develop a series of help guides and checklists for our stakeholders to prevent reoccurring problems. We are confident that these measures will improve our operations and we expect that our efforts will aid us in strengthening partnerships and ensuring equitable participation of payers and providers in our program. We are also pleased to note that the WVA has decreased the financial assessment rates for a 4th straight year, helping to lower overall healthcare costs.

Join me in thanking our generous board members, WVA staff and support administrators, and the WA State DOH teams who dedicate their time and resources to guide the Association's operational and strategic direction.

Chad Murphy, BS, PharmD
Board Chair

Eleven Years of Stable Vaccine Funding for Washington State Children

The Washington Vaccine Association (WVA) is excited once again to share the important benefits of our state's unique universal Childhood Vaccination Program (CVP).

- **Healthcare Savings.** The DOH's bulk purchases of all pediatric vaccines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) manufacturer contracts provides significant cost savings versus private market costs.
- **Stable Vaccine Supply.** Providers can focus on patient needs and have the full compliment of recommended vaccines on hand to immunize children.
- **Consolidated Storage and Ordering.** Provider staff can avoid both navigating complex ordering systems and keeping separate storage inventories for vaccines based on insurance status. This allows for a blended stock of vaccines and a streamlined ordering process, supported by the CVP.
- **No Provider Financing Costs.** Instead of fronting significant dollars to keep vaccines on hand, providers receive and administer pediatric vaccines procured by the DOH and use their existing billing system to trigger the WVA's collection of funds from health plans for privately-insured children.

HOW FUNDING WORKS



*There is no charge to patients. **According to the wavaccine.org/assessment-grid.



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THANK YOU to the Washington State Department of Health: Responding Quickly to a Public Health Crisis

During this unprecedented year, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), the WVA's public partner, undertook extraordinary efforts to respond quickly to the COVID-19 outbreak, mobilizing existing resources and augmenting staff where necessary to ensure the best public health outcomes and guaranteeing that the Childhood Vaccination Program was minimally impacted by the pandemic.

We are proud to highlight some of DOH's achievements during the COVID crisis:

- DOH on-boarded 40+, dedicated full-time staff members to a newly created COVID Vaccine Program to address the public health crisis; this number does not include many additional staff assigned to the COVID vaccine response from other programs and divisions within the Department.



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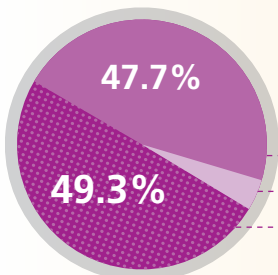
Number of providers the state mobilized to administer COVID vaccines in 2020-21*

*Includes more than 700 of our Childhood Vaccine Program providers

- Provider enrollment in the Childhood Vaccine Program remained relatively stable with 1,013 provider clinics enrolled at the end of June 2020 compared to 1,004 enrolled at the end of June 2021. The majority (70%) of facilities who dis-enroll from the program were due to a change in practice status, such as the practice closed, physician retired, merged with another practice, or changed ownership.
- Over 600 provider site visits were completed from July 2020 – June 2021.

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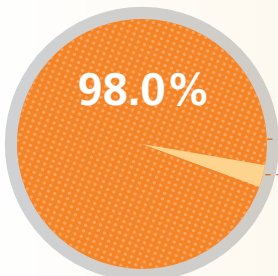
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



Childhood Vaccine Funding Sources

Estimated Total: \$154,407,270

- WVA Vaccine Assessments
- 3.2% | State Childhood Healthcare Insurance Programs
- Federal Vaccine for Children Funds



WVA Program Expenditures

Total: \$73,292,682

- Remittance to WA for Vaccine Costs*
- 2.1% | Operating Costs

*This chart reflects funding for WVA-funded vaccines on a cash basis. The audited financials are available at www.wavaccine.org.