

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

May 1, 2024

RE: July 1, 2024 WVA Vaccine Assessment Grid Increases

To Washington Vaccine Association Health Insurers and Third-Party Administrators,

On April 18, 2024, the Washington Vaccine Association's (WVA) Board of Directors approved the 2024-25 Vaccine Assessment Grid ("Grid"), which was finalized by the WVA's Operations Committee on April 25, 2024. The enclosed 2024-25 Grid will be in effect between July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and has been posted to the WVA's website in both PDF and Excel format (<https://wavaccine.org/assessment-grid/>).

***** The 2024-25 Grid amounts are INCREASING from the current 2023-24 Grid amounts in effect. There are both new CPT codes and NDC changes in addition to the Grid amounts.**

Please update your adjudication fee schedules to ensure the correct Grid pricing is loaded for all procedure codes listed on the Grid. The new Grid amounts apply to all listed vaccines and immunizations for dates of service after July 1, 2024. ***

The 2024-25 Grid lists vaccines and immunizations and their corresponding CPT codes that are part of the dosage-based assessment (DBA) process for providers, health insurance carriers, and third-party administrators (TPAs). In effect, the Grid is the equivalent to a fee schedule. Providers are required to submit the DBA with the appropriate Grid amount based upon date of service, and **health insurance carriers and TPAs are required to remit this amount to the WVA.**

Properly remitted DBAs ensure that adequate funds are available to support the State's continued purchase of pediatric vaccines and immunizations for children under age 19. In addition to the 2024-25 Grid, please find enclosed the following WVA's *Health Insurers and Third-Party Administrators Compliance Guide*. This *Guide* contains a checklist of items to ensure compliance with the WVA's requirements.

The WVA has a statutory obligation under RCW 70.290.040 to provide each payer with the estimated amount of its assessment on an annual basis. Prior to 2021, the WVA attempted to provide each payer with a summary of their past year's aggregate assessment payments made to the WVA and forecasted the next year's future payments. Given the shifts in health insurer/TPA membership, other market factors, and the WVA dosage-based assessment methodology, neither the WVA nor the payers found this to be an accurate or useful tool. For 2021 and beyond, the WVA will not generate a mailing to the payers each fall but will instead use the notification process of the annual July 1 *Vaccine Assessment Grid* changes to satisfy the statutory obligation. The WVA expects that individual health insurers and TPAs, using their own prior year utilization data and the July 1 Grid can more accurately project future assessment payments to the WVA.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at info@wavaccine.org. If you are not the correct contact within your organization to receive this information, please notify us at compliance@wavaccine.org. We appreciate your organization's support of the WVA.

Best regards,



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