

**June 2020**

**Assessment Rate Notification for FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**

The Rhode Island Vaccine Assessment Program's (RIVAP) fiscal year 2021 (FY21) assessment rates have been set at \$17.86 per month per child contribution enrollee and \$3.18 per month per adult contribution enrollee. The FY21 assessment rate calculations will be used to determine amounts due on July 30, 2020, October 30, 2020, January 30, 2021 and April 30, 2021 for the measuring months of April through June 2020, July through September 2020, October through December 2020, January through March 2021, respectively.

The assessment rate for children and adults will remain flat for FY21. The VAC Assessment Sub-committee discussed assessment rate decreases of 16.8% for children and 4.7% for adults for the coming year. Through extensive discussions about the impact of COVID related expenses, the uncertainty as to the amount and timing of these expenses, and the federal government's role in funding these expenses, the Sub-committee chose an alternate approach and kept the assessment rates flat year over year. Taking this approach will aid in building a reserve for future COVID related expenses and assist in long term rate stability. This approach still keeps the FY21 assessment rate lower than anticipated when a preliminary assessment projection was estimated last year.

We are grateful to the payer community for its continued support of the Rhode Island Vaccine Assessment Program. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the Rhode Island Department of Health for its excellent guidance and diligent work throughout the entire assessment process.

We invite you to visit the RIVAP website to learn more about the program and to view the assessment rate setting workbook at [www.RIvaccine.org](http://www.RIvaccine.org). RIVAP's self-reporting assessment system will automatically calculate assessments at the correct rate for each period, so no action is required on your part.