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NHVA New Hampshire Vaccine Association

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As NHVA's 13th year draws to a close, we are pleased to report yet another increase in vaccination coverage and carrier participation.

Thanks to the efforts of NHVA's stakeholders—insurers & TPAs, providers, and the NH Departments of Insurance and Health & Human Services—NH's assessment mechanism has become even more accurate and equitable. As a result of the combined efforts of these groups, assessment rate needed for the year remained lower than had earlier been anticipated. The resultant substantial surplus will reduce costs to payers in the upcoming year. NH's universal vaccination program continues to set new records in reducing healthcare costs, producing a cumulative savings total of over \$57MM dollars.

Thank you for your continued interest in the state's funding of vaccine purchase as it works to protect the health of NH's children. Recent NH legislation has enabled NHVA to be responsive to the numerous changes resulting from the implementation of federal requirements under the Affordable Care Act. As membership moves into healthcare exchanges, further flexibility was needed to keep NHVA current with shifting healthcare structures. Thankfully the final major change was passed as part of the state's 2015/16 budget bill.

Overall, the program has performed admirably. It now is better positioned than ever to continue to do so.

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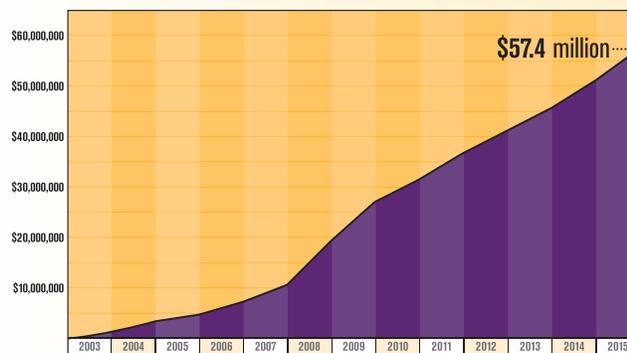
What is a Universal Purchase Program?

A universal vaccine purchasing program allows a state to purchase essential vaccines for all children, regardless of insurance coverage or income. New Hampshire's program enables state purchase of vaccines for every resident family and distribution of these vaccines to health care providers free of charge. The New Hampshire Vaccine Association ("NHVA") funds its universal purchase program through a cooperative approach involving health insurers, providers, and the NH Departments of Insurance and Health & Human Services.

How Does the Universal Purchase Program Lower Health Care Costs?

As a universal purchase state, New Hampshire qualifies to purchase vaccines at a substantially discounted federal rate from vaccine manufacturers. State and federal dollars fund vaccines for low-income and other federally-eligible children, while NHVA covers vaccine costs for privately insured children through assessments collected from insurance carriers. This approach allows state health officials to manage the supply of vaccines, thereby lowering providers' administrative costs and ensuring that the state can quickly supply vaccines to vulnerable patient groups during emergencies or vaccine shortages.

NH Vaccine Program Cumulative Savings



*Cost of NHVA-funded vaccines compared to CDC survey of prices paid by others for the same vaccines.

Beyond these immediate savings, improved immunization rates will produce long-term savings by eliminating both direct costs of extended treatment and indirect societal costs associated with illness such as missed school, work, disability, or even death.

How does the Universal Purchase Program improve childhood health?

New Hampshire's universal purchase program ensures that every child who enters a doctor's office or hospital can receive life-saving vaccines for free. More providers offer immunization services because doctors no longer have to finance the up-front costs of vaccines out of their own pockets or be burdened with complex ordering systems. As a result, New Hampshire has one of the highest immunization rates in the country, benefiting all New Hampshire citizens. A higher immunization rate lowers the odds are that an unvaccinated person will encounter a person carrying a disease.





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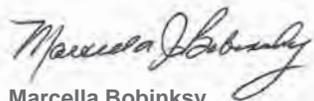
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A Message from the Division of Public Health Services

The Division of Public Health Services is pleased to report that the number of children vaccinated in the state of New Hampshire is among the best in the nation. The report generated by the 2015 National Immunization Survey* for children 19 to 35 months showed that New Hampshire has met the mark for meeting the Health People 2020 standard of 80% as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The Teen NIS data showed statistically significant increases in the number of young men receiving the recommended Human Papillomavirus vaccine.

We are also pleased to report, on a quarterly basis, the low number of people (all ages) in the state who contract vaccine-preventable diseases. This is the true goal and desired outcome of our work – low vaccine-preventable disease. These numbers represent additional cost savings in our state's health care system. We are sincerely grateful to the provider community of NH and to your investment in the NHVA, which helps to make these goals a reality.

NH Reportable Communicable Disease Report	2014
Diphtheria	0
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease	24
Hepatitis A	5
Hepatitis B, acute	4
Measles	0
Mumps	2
Neisseria Meningitidis, invasive disease	0
Pertussis	84
Polio	0
Tetanus	0
Varicella	113



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*Infectious Disease Surveillance Section:
www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/cdcs/documents/monthly.pdf

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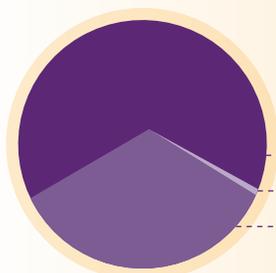
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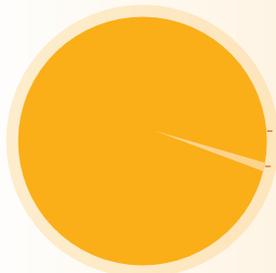
June 30, 2014 - June 30, 2015



Vaccine Funding Sources

Estimated Total: \$24,490,220

- 66.4% | NHVA-funded Vaccines
- 0.8% | NH State Contribution
- 32.8% | Federal Contribution (VFC Funds)



NHVA Program Expenditures

Total: \$12,562,871

- 98.8% | Remittance to NH for Vaccine Costs
- 1.2% | Operating Costs

*This chart reflects funding operations for NHVA-funded vaccines.

References:

1. Complete audited financials: www.nhvaccine.org/audit/2015
2. Annual cost savings analysis: www.nhvaccine.org/savings/2015

