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**NHVA** New Hampshire Vaccine Association

## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As NHVA's 14th year draws to a close, we are pleased to report another great year of 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. This collaborative effort benefits all of NH with lower costs and greater access. NH's universal vaccination program continues to set new records in reducing healthcare costs, producing a cumulative savings total of over \$62M.

Thank you for your continued participation in the state's funding of vaccine purchase as it works to protect the health of NH's children. New Hampshire continues to be a national leader with high immunization rates for children. NHVA continues to work efficiently and effectively to fulfill its legislative purpose providing a solid foundation for New Hampshire's continued success

Thank you for supporting the NHVA and we look forward to another great year for New Hampshire kids.

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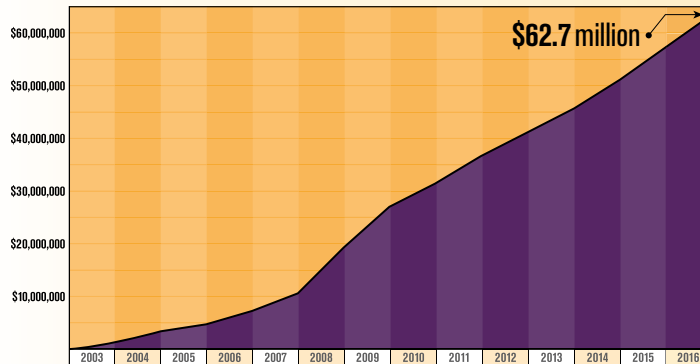
### What is a Universal Purchase Program?

A universal vaccine purchasing program allows a state to purchase recommended 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 the 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



For details on 2016 savings calculation, see the Program Savings Memo at [www.nhvaccine.org/savings/2016](http://www.nhvaccine.org/savings/2016).

This chart reflects the savings achieved by purchasing vaccines through the CDC purchase program as opposed to what the actual costs would have been if those same vaccines were purchased on the open market.

### How does the Universal Purchase Program improve child vaccination rates?

New Hampshire's universal purchase program ensures that every child who enters a doctor's office or hospital can receive recommended vaccines for free. More providers offer vaccination 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 vaccination rates in the country.





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**A Message from the Division of Public Health Services**

I recently had the opportunity to see a powerful movie, "Someone You Love, The HPV Epidemic." The viewing of this movie was an extraordinary collaboration between organizations that provide health care and organizations that educate our communities in ways to prevent cancer. Over one-hundred and twenty people attended including physicians, nurse practitioners, school nurses, public health nurses, and other interested citizens. I realized, during this movie, that it is incredible that we can offer our children a vaccine that prevents cancer. Yet, only half of the teenagers in New Hampshire are receiving the Human Papillomavirus vaccine.

New Hampshire insurers have made an investment in the HPV vaccine ever since it was made available in 2006. Many New Hampshire vaccine providers are now recommending the vaccine to all of their adolescent patients. Some, however, are not. According to the National Immunization Survey, 51.4% of our female teens have received all three doses of the vaccine and 47.1% of our male teens have received the vaccine, a 14% increase from the previous year. We know that the vaccine is safe and it works. We know that healthcare costs can be reduced. We know that this set of cancers can be thwarted. And in the end, lives will be saved.

Thank you for purchasing this vaccine so that all of our children have the opportunity to prevent a number of debilitating and life threatening cancers.

Sincerely,

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June 30, 2015 - June 30, 2016

**Vaccine Funding Sources**

Estimated Total: \$29,116,059

- 67.4% | NHVA-funded Vaccines
- 1% | NH State Contribution
- 31.6% | Federal Contribution (VFC Funds)

**NHVA Program Expenditures**

Total: \$19,788,525

- 99.1% | Remittance to NH for Vaccine Costs\*
- 0.9% | Operating Costs

\* This remittance includes a shortfall payment for prior fiscal year of \$1,107,265.

This chart reflects funding for NHVA-funded vaccines. To view the complete FY2016 financial analyses, please see the complete audited financials at [www.nhvaccine.org/audit/2016](http://www.nhvaccine.org/audit/2016).