

Idaho Immunization Assessment

Information for Carriers, Plan Sponsors and TPAs

Why was the Idaho Immunization Assessment established?

The 2010 Idaho Legislature adopted Title 41 Chapter 60, Immunization Assessment. The Idaho Immunization Assessment funds vaccines to be used for immunizing insured children provided by the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. By utilizing this mechanism Idaho can purchase the vaccine at low cost through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and distribute it to physicians at no cost. The physicians and their practices can then administer the vaccine with no additional cost to the insurance companies and/or plan sponsors except for the cost of administering the vaccine. By utilizing the CDC purchasing pool, the cost to vaccinate children is lowered, which creates an effective distribution system to physician practices. The aim is to achieve higher rates of childhood vaccination across the State of Idaho. These savings are then passed along to employers and individuals thru lower insurance premiums.

Under this program, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare purchases vaccines for insured children at significant discounts. Specifically, vaccines are purchased at the “CDC Cost / Dose” detailed in the “Pediatric / VFC Vaccine Price List” published at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/vaccine-management/price-list/index.html>. Providers using state-supplied vaccine cannot bill carriers and/or health plans for that state-supplied vaccine, though the provider may still charge a fee for administering the vaccine.

What is the role of the Idaho Immunization Assessment Board?

The legislation also created the independent Idaho Immunization Assessment Board to assess mandatory fees from all carriers and plan sponsors covering children in the state of Idaho to fund this program. “Carrier” is defined by the statute as *“any entity subject to regulation by the department that provides or is authorized to provide health insurance or health benefit plans, or that administers health insurance or health benefit coverage or that otherwise provides a plan of health insurance or health benefits; or a foreign insurer who provides health insurance coverage or benefits to residents of this state as certificate holders under a group policy issued or delivered outside of this state.”* Further clarification of this definition is in 41-6002 (2) published at

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title41/T41CH60SECT41-6002.htm>

How is the assessment calculated?

Under the [Plan of Operation](#), carriers, TPA and/or plan sponsors report to the Idaho Department of Insurance the numbers of program-eligible children they cover as of January 31 of each year on or before March 15 of that year. The expected cost of vaccines to be purchased from the CDC by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is then divided by the number of program-eligible children to generate the amount per eligible child. The annual assessment fee notice is sent to all carriers, TPAs and/or plan sponsors no later than April 15 with a due date of June 15. If the billing is greater than \$50,000, then the responsible party may request a quarterly installment plan.

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) assessment is \$68.00 per program-eligible child. The SFY2017 assessment is greater than the previous year's due to an expanded recommendation for Meningitis B vaccine.

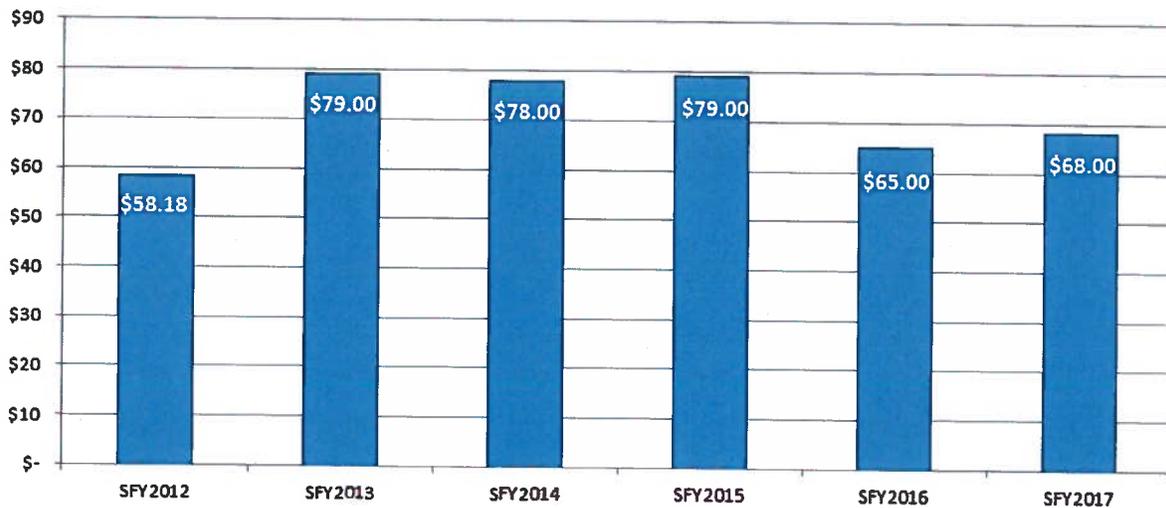
What has been the cost / insured child of the program? And what vaccines are covered?

The graph below shows the history of the Idaho Immunization Assessment since State Fiscal Year 2012.

Additional Information

Title 41 Chapter 60 is published at <http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title41/T41CH60.htm>, and additional information regarding the board is published at http://www.doi.idaho.gov/company/immuneassess/immunization_assessment.aspx. Further information regarding the program may be obtained by contacting Sandy Metro at the Assessment Board (ImmuneAssess@doi.idaho.gov or 208-334-4330). Idaho-based carriers are represented by members on the Assessment Board and they are very familiar with the Idaho Immunization Assessment. Representatives from these carriers also may be contacted through the Assessment Board.

Vaccine Assessment - Annual Cost Per Child 2012 - 2017



Additional Vaccines for:

SFY 2012	SFY 2013	SFY 2014	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017
HPV - Females only Flu - (partial)	HPV - All Flu - All	No Additional	HIBMENCY	Meningitis B	Meningitis B

SFY = State Fiscal Year (July-June)