



**TO: Our Valued Clients and Brokers**  
**FROM: Health Plans, Inc.**  
**DATE: May 10, 2019**  
**RE: Idaho Childhood Immunization Assessment**

The Idaho Department of Insurance recently notified HPI about its Immunization Assessment. The Idaho Immunization Assessment funds vaccines to be used for immunizing children provided by the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. By utilizing this mechanism Idaho purchases the vaccine at low cost through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and distributes it to physicians at no cost. The physicians and their practices then administer the vaccine with no additional cost to the insurance companies and/or plan sponsors except for the cost of administering the vaccine.

**How much is the new assessment?** For the 2019 assessment, the cost is \$50 for every Idaho resident under age 19 who is covered under a health plan. That amount may be adjusted in future years based on the actual cost of the immunizations.

**When does it start?** For groups administered by HPI, the first assessment is payable in 2019.

**Who pays?** Health plans that cover Idaho residents under age 19, regardless of where the self-funded employer is located or the fully insured policy is issued.

**How is the assessment collected?** As with other state assessments, HPI will invoice the amounts on the funding request reports for clients with plans that cover Idaho residents under age 19, and then will submit the payments to Idaho on their behalf. If your plan is subject to the assessment, you will see the amount on an upcoming funding request report.

If you have any questions about the Idaho Childhood Immunization assessment, please contact your Health Plans Account Manager.

Thanks.

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