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TO: Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health

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SUBJECT: Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program – 2027 Assessment Rates

The Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP) Advisory Council met on September 17, 2026, to form its recommendations concerning the 2027 monthly child and adult assessment rates for AVAP.

AS 18.09.210(a) providers that the "State Vaccine Assessment is established in the department for the purpose of determining the amount of vaccine assessments made by the Commissioner to be paid by assessable entities and other program participants in the state under procedures established by the Council." We are pleased to report that the Council voted unanimously to recommend the following rates for 2027:

	Per-member, Per-month Cost
1. Pediatric population assessment	$7.97
2. Adult population assessment	$1.36

For reference the AVAP child and adult assessment rates for 2026 were $7.97 per child per month and $1.36 per adult per month.

The statute provides that these numbers will be established by the Commissioner based on the recommendation of the Council. If you wish to approve the recommended rates, we have included a line below for your signature to adopt these recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Once the rates are approved, we will instruct the SHFT Team to publish them to www.akvaccine.org, notify assessment payers, and update the assessment system accordingly.

Heidi Hedberg _____ 10/20/2026_____
Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner, Department of Health Date

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