



ALASKA VACCINE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thankfully, AVAP entered the COVID-19 pandemic year as a mature, well-functioning organization. It was fully reserved with proven procedures and had strong leadership. After two years of assessment reductions, notwithstanding manufacturer cost increases each year, AVAP still was able to hold assessment increases below those which had been predicted earlier. This financial performance is especially remarkable since Alaska's Immunization Program meaningfully expanded coverages of adult vaccines over the same year.

Against this backdrop, Alaskans continue to owe a debt of gratitude to Matt Bobo and his Immunization Program team. Despite the logistical challenges of meeting public health needs across the expanse of Alaska, Alaska led the nation repeatedly in passing milestones of improving health outcomes and immunization rates once emergency use authorizations were released for COVID-19 vaccines. Well done, team!

We are grateful for the partnerships forged through this difficult year with other public service organizations across the state. Thank you, each one, for helping us protect public health through the pandemic and, now, begin our reopening so that not only Alaskans, but also our visitors and guests can enjoy the beauty of our wonderful state. And thank you, payers, for faithfully discharging your duties and providing the financial support for another strong AVAP operating year.

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A POWERFUL MODEL

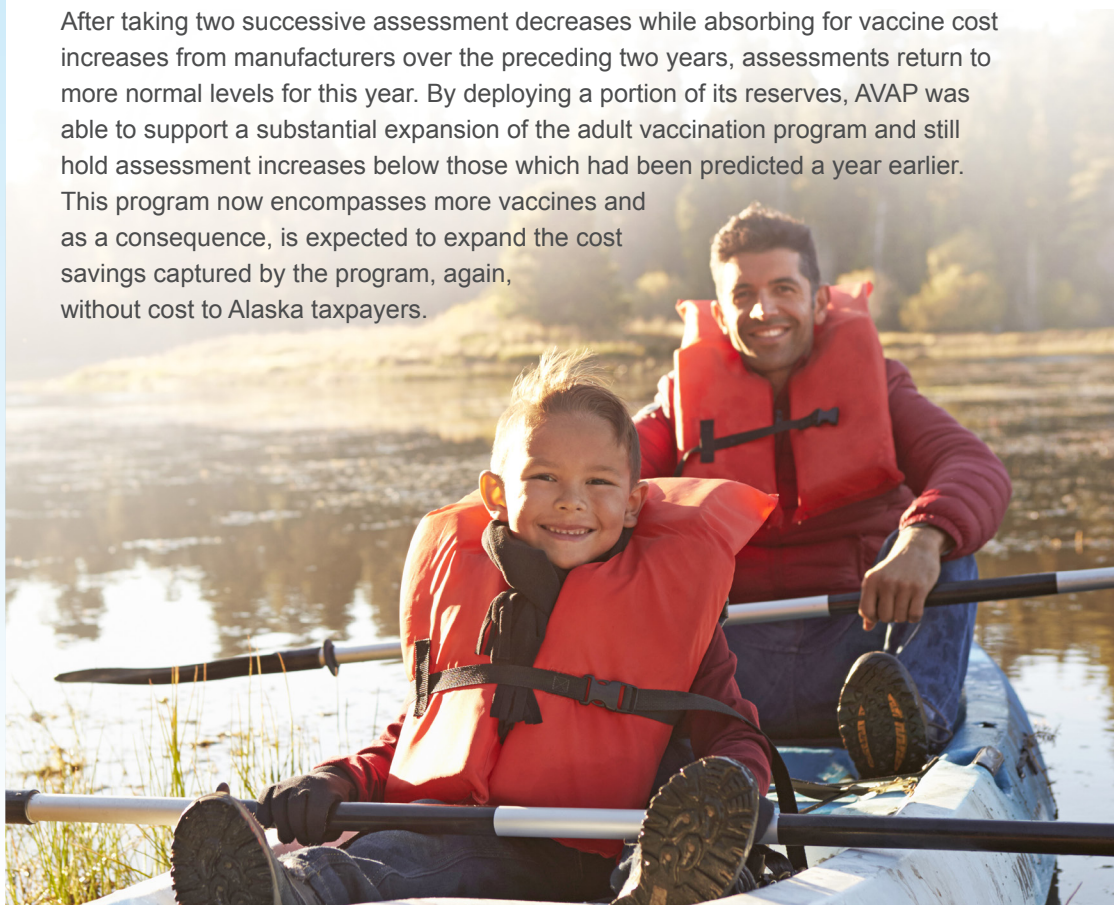
Vaccine costs continue to rise nationally. AVAP's work to stabilize vaccine funding has played a crucial role in ensuring all Alaska children and adults have access to recommended vaccines.

Our model has powerful benefits:

- **No Provider Financing costs.** Instead of fronting significant dollars to keep vaccines on hand, providers receive and administer vaccines from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS).
- **Consolidated Storage and Ordering.** Providers can avoid navigating complex ordering systems based on who paid for them or who they will immunize. DHSS provides support for one vaccine ordering process, regardless of the patient's insurance status.
- **Stable Vaccine Supply.** Providers can focus on patient needs and have the full complement of recommended vaccines on hand.
- **Healthcare Savings.** DHSS's bulk purchase of vaccines provides significant cost savings versus the private market.

Strong Financial Performance

After taking two successive assessment decreases while absorbing for vaccine cost increases from manufacturers over the preceding two years, assessments return to more normal levels for this year. By deploying a portion of its reserves, AVAP was able to support a substantial expansion of the adult vaccination program and still hold assessment increases below those which had been predicted a year earlier. This program now encompasses more vaccines and as a consequence, is expected to expand the cost savings captured by the program, again, without cost to Alaska taxpayers.





A message from Matt Bobo, Alaska's Immunization Manager

It has been most gratifying to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of DHSS's Division of Public Health overall and the remarkable Immunization Program team I have been privileged to lead through the pandemic crisis. Remarkably, our team pulled together not only to lead the nation in COVID-19 vaccination rollout, but also to implement program improvements including updates to our VacTrAK reporting system and substantial expansion of the adult program. I want to thank my colleagues for their creativity and diligence in pressing forward through the external crisis, helping Alaskans return to health and preparing for reopening of education, tourism, and other sectors important for Alaska's long-term economic well-being.

This success would not have been possible without important partnerships, many newly forged. I remain grateful for the steady support afforded by AVAP and appreciate even more fully its financial strength which served us well through the pandemic strains. We are grateful for the faithfulness of payers in timely meeting their assessment obligations. It is encouraging to see continued growth in provider opt-ins to extend the benefits of bulk purchasing financed by AVAP to our adult uninsured. We have been helped by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA), Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA), among others, as the immunization program's outreach has widened and, with their help, we have implemented numerous innovative programs to meet our targeted public health objectives.

We are hopeful that workloads will ease a bit as we find our "new normal." But I am grateful for the sustained work which yielded last year's many successes and widened the base supporting our continued efforts to meet the public health needs of Alaskans both through the unprecedented strains of the recent pandemic years and into the future.



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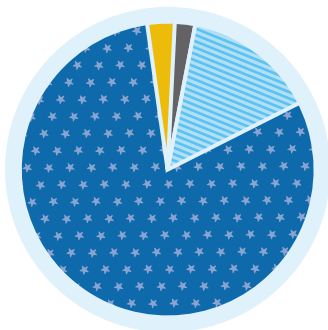
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FINANCIALS

January - December, 2020

Revenues

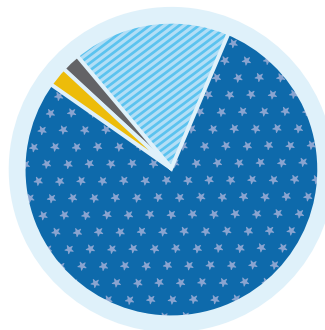
\$9,456,923



- ★ **79.0%** Child Assessments
- ★ **15.2%** Adult Assessments
- **2.5%** Provider Opt-in Payments
- **3.2%** Investment Income
- **0.1%** Interest

Expenses

\$9,456,923



- ★ **77.8%** Child Vaccines
- ★ **17.7%** Adult Vaccines
- **2.0%** DHSS Administrative Fee
- **2.3%** KidsVax Contract
- **0.2%** Other

For complete audited financials, go to www.AKvaccine.org/audit/2020.

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