



Administering Programs to Fund Vaccines

KidsVax® is dedicated to serving states
in the administration of universal
vaccine purchase programs.



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About KidsVax®

about us

KidsVax®, LLC is a New Hampshire-based company that specializes in providing administrative services to states, not-for-profit, and quasi-governmental organizations.

KidsVax's team is comprised of highly-skilled, multi-specialty professionals who are passionate about funding universal vaccine programs. We also offer consulting services for special projects, payer compliance, and other health administration services.

KidsVax® currently administers programs in Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Alaska, and is the only organization nationally which has established successful programs to fund universal purchase. Each program is uniquely designed to oversee the universal purchase of vaccines for children, with many states including adults as well.

KidsVax® was created by professionals deeply interested in advancing a single standard of immunization care, easy access to vaccines for both publicly and privately insured children, and the corresponding benefits to providers, payers, and the public at large.

Improved Access:

Making vaccines available to all, regardless of economic status, affords access to improved healthcare and better outcomes for both individuals and their communities.

Lower Costs:

States that serve as the single purchaser of vaccines for publicly and privately insured children receive more favorable pricing. Depending on the vaccine, these prices range from an estimated 15 percent to 60 percent lower than private purchase alternatives.

Provider Benefits:

Health care providers can continue to administer childhood vaccines to their patients, worry-free and free of charge. In addition, they avoid the financial and staffing burden required to purchase vaccines privately and segregate vaccine inventories for privately and publicly insured children.

Immunization Benefits:

Next to clean drinking water and good nutrition, vaccines have saved more lives than any other public-health intervention in modern history. In 2008, the Centers for Disease Control estimated that vaccinating every child born in the U.S. from birth to adolescence would prevent 14 million infections, spare 33,000 lives, and save \$10 billion in medical costs. (SOURCE: "How Safe Are Vaccines?" by Alice Park, Time, May 21, 2008.)



overview

What is Universal Vaccine Purchase?

Universal vaccine purchase programs (UVPs)

are created by state legislatures. They enable state departments of health to buy recommended vaccines and distribute them free of charge to private practices, clinics, hospitals, and other providers that administer vaccines to privately insured patients.

UVPs are financed through public-private partnerships. Health plans, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators cover all or a significant portion of immunizations for the privately insured through assessments. Some programs provide vaccines for adults, while others are limited to children.

Assessment rates are determined by the state or by a non-profit organization tasked with set up to establish assessments and to ensure that adequate funds are available for vaccine purchases.

Publicly insured populations continue to be funded through state and federal programs such as 317 grants and the Vaccines for Children program.

Background of Universal Vaccine Purchase

Universal vaccine programs were previously funded through state appropriations. Due to budget cuts, rising vaccine costs, and the increased number of recommended vaccines, many states had to discontinue state funding for such programs.

The result was that smaller pediatric practices increasingly were unable to afford stocking the full complement of childhood vaccines. This led to: lower immunization rates, missed opportunities, and decreased patient care.

New Hampshire overcame these challenges in 2002 by establishing an independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding state vaccine purchases through assessments on health benefit payers. Since then, other states have established either universal or universal-select programs.



Benefits of Universal Vaccine Purchase

There are benefits of universal vaccine programs for all stakeholders involved. Pediatricians no longer face the financial burden of purchasing and managing vaccine supply. Health insurers experience significant cost-savings. Both privately and publicly insured children and adults have access to vaccines.

one

Increased vaccine access

two

Expanded physician participation

three

Stabilized vaccine funding source

four

Increased efficiency of vaccine ordering, tracking, delivery, and monitoring

five

Lowered healthcare costs

six

Facilitated by multi-disciplinary board to help aid:

- Process improvement
- Vaccine review and implementation
- Financial transparency
- Efficient operation
- Payer buy-in



Savings



\$52.9
MILLION

Saved by KidsVax®-administered programs in 2016

\$1 spent on vaccines

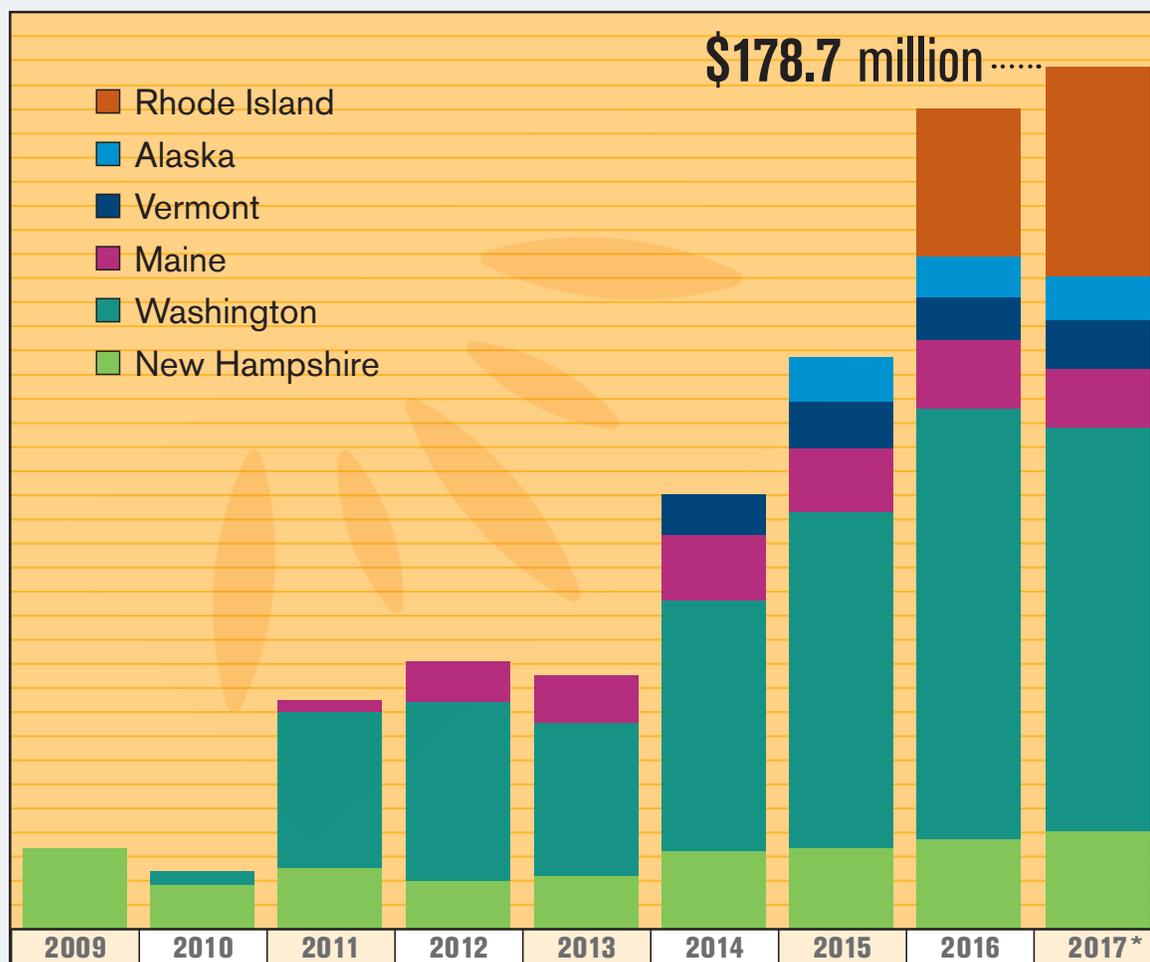


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\$10 saved in health costs



KidsVax® Annual Vaccine Funding by State

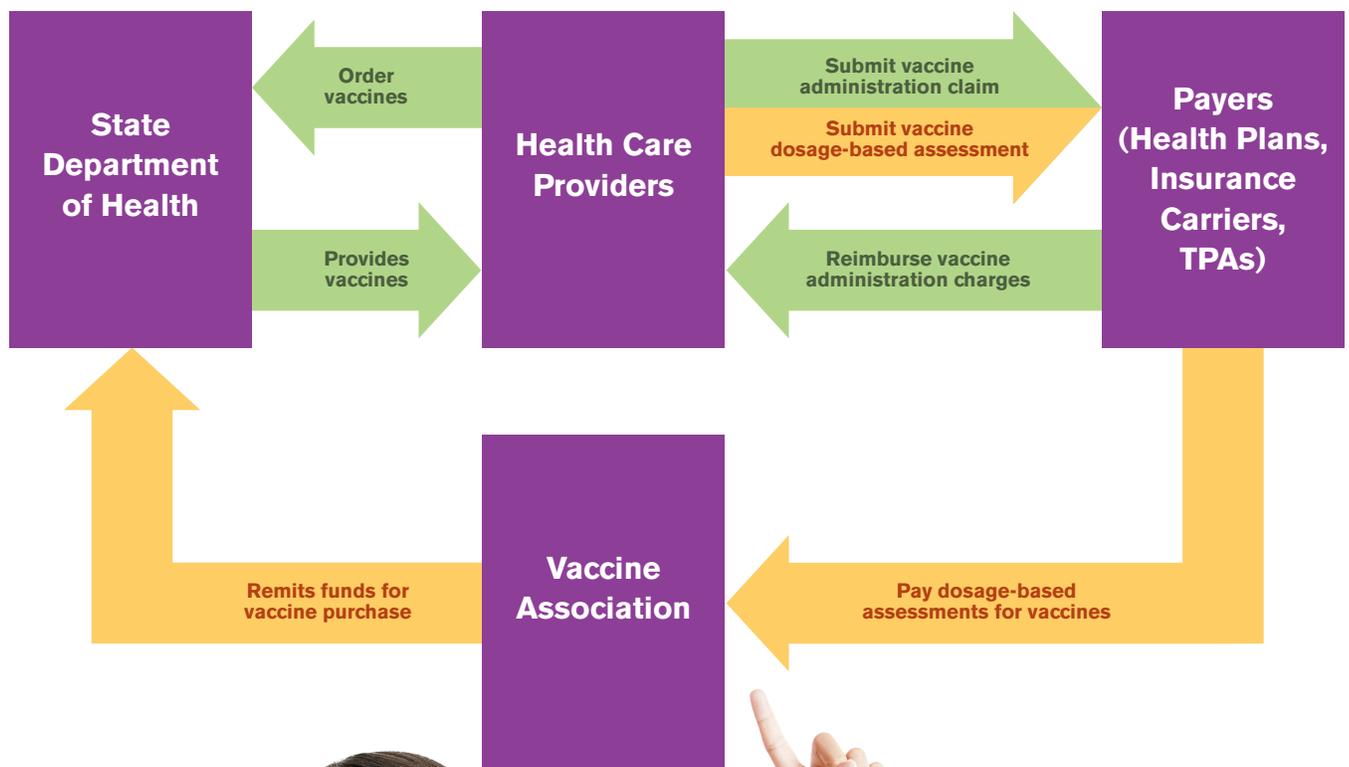


*Based on estimated funding data

Assessment Collection Methodologies

Dosage-based

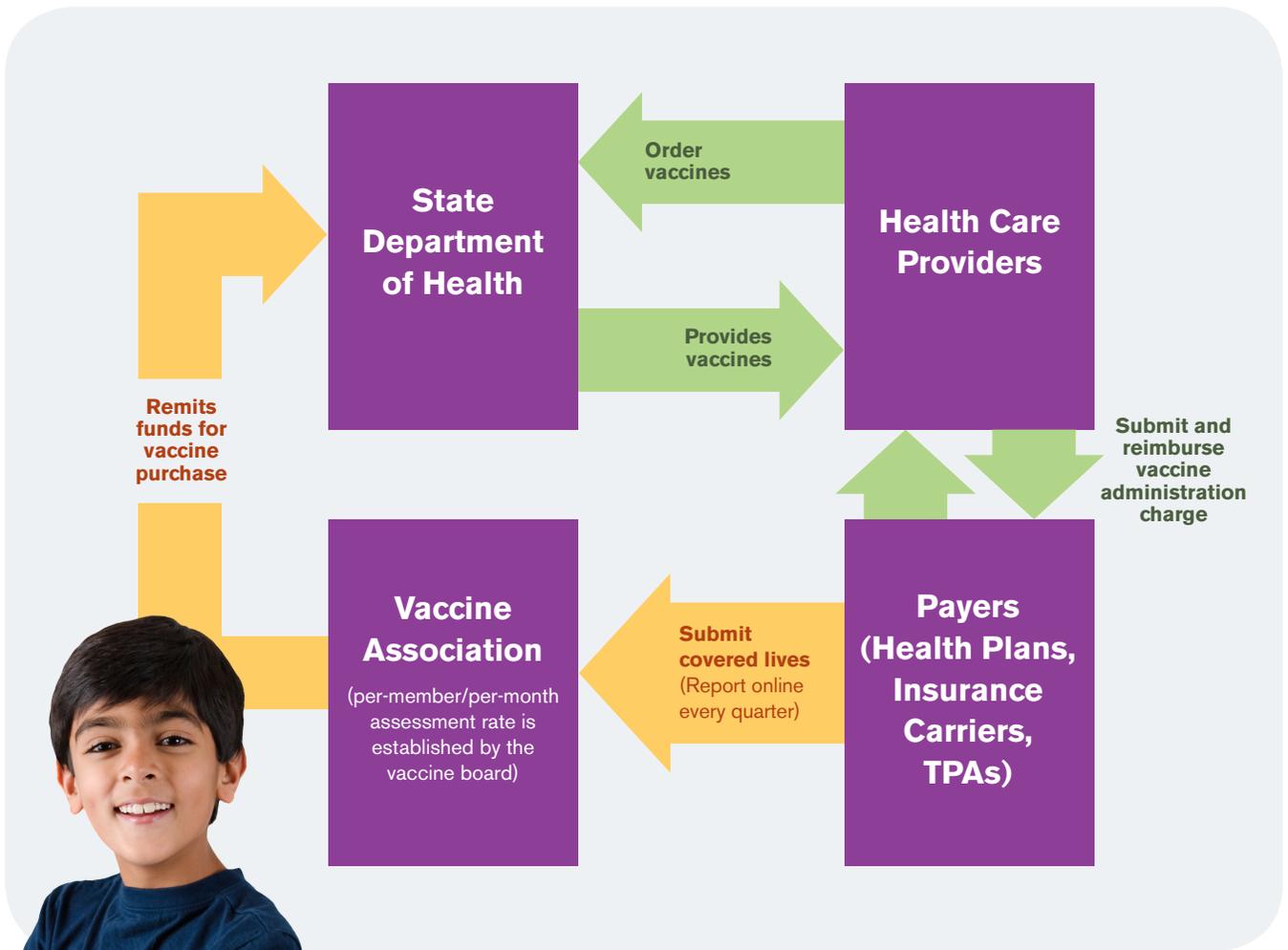
The dosage based assessment (DBA) methodology requires a two-claim submission process: one for the administration charge and the second for the vaccine cost. Payers receive both claims and remit the funds for the vaccine cost to the association. Funds are later transferred to the department of health for continued vaccine purchase.



Assessment Collection Methodologies

Per-capita

The per-capita methodology establishes a per-member, per-month assessment for covered lives. Payers submit quarterly reports and payments to the association. Funds are later transferred to the department of health for continued vaccine purchase.



Creating a Universal Vaccine Purchase Program

What is required to create a Universal Vaccine Purchase Program?

Creating a universal purchase program requires the following steps:

one

Gather the support of stakeholders:

- Payers
- Providers
- Department of Health

two

Enact state legislation authorizing assessments on payers and insurers. Ideally charter a single-purpose non-profit corporation for that purpose.

three

Assemble a vaccine board to govern and provide transparency in fund collection and assessment setting.

four

Engage an administrator to implement and oversee all aspects.



What is a universal purchase program?

Universal vaccine purchase programs are created by state legislatures. They enable state departments of health to buy recommended vaccines and distribute them free of charge to private practices, clinics, hospitals, and other providers that administer vaccines to privately insured patients.

How are universal purchase programs funded?

Universal purchase programs are funded through public-private partnerships. Health plans, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators cover all or a significant portion of immunizations for the privately insured through assessments.

How do universal purchase programs affect federally funded vaccines?

They don't. Children who are eligible for vaccines under the federally funded Vaccines for Children (VFC) program continue to receive those vaccines at no cost to doctors, clinics, and other providers. This also means that a VFC status screening is still a federal requirement for each visit by a young patient.

How are payers assessed for vaccine costs?

Assessment rates are determined by the state or by a non-profit organization tasked with set-up to establish assessment and ensuring adequate funds for vaccine purchases.

What are the benefits of universal purchase programs?

There are many benefits to universal purchase programs including:

- Increased vaccine access
- Stabilized vaccine funding
- Lower healthcare costs
- Broader physician participation
- Increased efficiency of vaccine ordering, tracking, delivery, and monitoring
- Multi-disciplinary board to help aid: process improvement, new vaccine review and implementation, financial transparency, and overall efficient operation

How is a universal purchase program created?

A universal purchase program is created through state legislation authorizing assessments on payers and insurers. This is aided by the support of stakeholders such as payers, providers, and the department of health. After a statute is in place, a vaccine board is created, ideally to conduct operations through a single-purpose nonprofit entity. The vaccine board has the ability to set policy and is responsible for governing and ensuring transparency in fund collection and assessment setting. Finally, an administrator is selected to provide operations and oversight to the department of health and vaccine board.

Can KidsVax® help our state set up a universal purchase program?

Yes! KV Foundation, LLC donates time to state teams that are exploring universal purchase options. Once legislation is in place, KidsVax® can provide a complete turnkey solution for ongoing operations.



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