

Information for Providers

BACKGROUND

In January 2015, Alaska will facilitate increased access to core vaccines through the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP), which will be funded by insurers and other payers based on the child and adult lives they cover.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT AVAP FOR PROVIDERS

- Providers will be automatically enrolled to receive AVAP vaccine when they complete the annual VacTrAK and Alaska Vaccine Distribution Program renewal/enrollment processes.
 - Providers enrolled in VacTrAK will receive a renewal application in December 2014. New providers contact Vactrak@alaska.gov.
 - After completing VacTrAK renewal, providers can complete the annual Vaccine Distribution Program renewal in January 2015.
 - The provider profile report, by eligibility category, can help providers determine how much vaccine to order.
- During the first year (2015), the Alaska Immunization Program will provide the following vaccines to Alaskans:
 - Children (0 through 18 years): Providers can administer all state-supplied vaccine to all children, regardless of eligibility.
 - Vaccine for Children (VFC) – all recommended vaccines for Medicaid eligible, uninsured, American Indian/Alaska Native, or underinsured (i.e., seen at a federally qualified health center/ rural health clinic / deputized facility).
 - State AVAP vaccine – all recommended vaccines for all other children provided using AVAP account, state and federal funds (flu vaccine will not be provided for the 2014-15 season but will be for the 2015-16 season).
 - Adults (19 years+): Providers can administer AVAP vaccines to adults with participating payers and Medicaid.
 - AVAP vaccines: Tdap/Td, Pneumovax, Zostavax (adults ages 60 through 64 years), Menactra (adults ages 19 through 20 years) and HPV (females ages 19 through 26 years and males ages 19 through 21 years).
 - Flu vaccine will not be provided for the 2014–15 season but will be for the 2015-16 season.
 - Providers will still need to privately purchase non-AVAP vaccines and all vaccines for adults with non-participating payers (e.g. TRICARE) or Medicare-only coverage.
- Providers who receive state-supplied vaccine may bill third-party payers for the vaccine administration fee using current rules, but not for the cost of the vaccines because these payers have already paid an assessment fee to AVAP.
- By regulation, providers must report all public/private vaccine administration into VacTrAK (7 AAC 27.650(a)). This includes:
 - Reporting the funding source for all state-supplied vaccine as “Public” vaccine.
 - Using eligibility code V07 to denote AVAP vaccine for insured children or any state-supplied vaccine administered to adults, codes V02-V05 for VFC, code V01 for privately purchased vaccine, and V06 for State HB310 flu vaccine for underinsured children and uninsured/underinsured adults during 2014-15 season.

OPTIONS FOR PROVIDERS WHO SEE UNINSURED ADULTS

- There is no federal program that funds vaccines for uninsured adults with no other third party payer (e.g. TRICARE, Medicare).
- Providers who vaccinate adults that do not have private insurance or another third-party payer have two options:
 - (1) Privately purchase vaccine for uninsured adults and adults covered by Medicare only and non-participating payers.
 - (2) Pay into the assessment to receive AVAP vaccine for uninsured adults at the state’s bulk contract rate.
- What providers need to do to “opt-in” to receive AVAP vaccine for uninsured adults:
 - Submit the number of adults ages 19 years and older without a third party payer served by their facility/organization in the past year on Uninsured Survey Form (available at www.akvaccine.org).
 - By January 15th, review the AVAP assessment rate and decide whether to opt-in and receive AVAP vaccine.
 - By February 15th, pay the assessment fee for their uninsured adults.
- Advantages of opt-in for uninsured adults, option (2), include:
 - The state will contribute to lower the provider assessment rate by 15% (to \$0.83/uninsured adult/month).
 - Opt-in providers can also use AVAP vaccine for all adults with non-participating payers (e.g. TRICARE, Medicare).