

### How State-Supplied Vaccines Are Funded

Washington uses a combination of federal and state funds to purchase vaccines for all children less than 19 years of age. In 2010, legislation created the Washington Vaccine Association (WVA) an independent, nonprofit organization, to collect funds to support the State Childhood Vaccine Program.

Health plans, insurers, and other payers pay an assessment fee for each dose of vaccine given to a privately insured child. The WVA collects the fees for the state. The State Childhood Vaccine Program buys vaccines and physicians, clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare providers enrolled in the Program order vaccines at no charge and offer state-supplied vaccines at no cost for all children under the age of 19.

### What This Means for Providers

- You order and receive vaccines for children less than 19 years old at no charge from the State Childhood Vaccine Program. This gives your patients easy access to vaccines.
- You don't have the financial and staffing burden of privately purchasing vaccines.
- You don't have to order, store and manage separate vaccine inventories for privately purchased and state supplied vaccines.

### What You Should Do:

Providers assure the WVA gets the right assessment amount for vaccines given to privately insured children less than 19 years of age by adding a step to their claims process when administering vaccines to privately insured patients. The process, called the Dosage Based Assessment or DBA, creates a claim for the vaccine assessment and a claim for other care provided. You can use your billing system to complete the DBA. Please contact the WVA right away so your billing system can be set up appropriately.

### Complete the DBA for Privately Insured Patients Only:

- Submit a HCFA 1500 form for the vaccine administration fee, office visit, and other charges. **Do not include** vaccine codes and modifiers. Use your NPI number on this claim.
- Submit a second HCFA 1500 form with the vaccine codes and the dosage-based assessment. Use the WVA's NPI number on this claim. The assessment amounts are on the website: <http://www.wavaccine.org/wavaccine.nsf/pages/AssessmentGrid.html>
- Submit both forms to the health plan, insurance company, or TPA, not to the WVA.

### For help creating the two-form DBA process, contact the WVA:

Washington Vaccine Association

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E-MAIL: [info@wavaccine.org](mailto:info@wavaccine.org) VISIT THEIR WEBSITE:

<http://www.wavaccine.org/wavaccine.nsf/pages/for-providers.html>