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**DATE:** September 22, 2020  
**TO:** Adam Crum, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services  
**FROM:** Anne Zink, MD, FACEP  
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**SUBJECT:** Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program – 2021 Assessment Rates

The Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP) Advisory Council met on September 17, 2020 to form its recommendations concerning the 2021 monthly child and adult assessment rates for AVAP.


We are pleased to report that the Council voted unanimously on these matters. As you may recall, AS 18.09.210(a) provides 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." The Council voted to recommend the following rates for 2021:

	<u>Per-Month Cost</u>
1. Pediatric population assessment	\$8.35
2. Adult population assessment	\$0.85

For reference, the rates for 2020 were \$7.43 per child per month and \$0.52 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 blow 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 KidsVax® to publish them to [www.akvaccine.org](http://www.akvaccine.org), notify assessment payors and update the assessment system accordingly.

9/28/20  
Date

  
Commissioner, Adam Crum DHSS

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