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Timeline

2009

Seeking to protect Maine's children from disease and to lower health care costs, the Maine Legislature passed a bill establishing a universal childhood immunization program.

2010

The Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) was created, and MVB hired KidsVax[®] to administer the program. MVB was given rulemaking authority to select the list of vaccines and to set the assessment rate. With the help of the Maine Attorney General's Office, MVB established initial emergency and technical rules. KidsVax[®] and the Maine Bureau of Insurance began informing insurers and other payers in Maine about the new program and gathering data about the number of child covered lives.

2012

State vaccine purchases with MVB funds and distribution to providers began in January. Initial reports confirmed that the program reduced costs. Additionally, the program assisted Maine CDC in raising childhood immunization rates.

2013

MVB simplified the process for setting the vaccine list. KidsVax[®], the Maine Bureau of Insurance, and the Attorney General's Office worked to narrow the gap between projected and reported child covered lives and to ensure that assessments are allocated equitably. Maine's universal vaccination program is recognized nationally for its success in improving statewide healthcare.

2015

Maine is recognized by the U.S. CDC as having the highest percentage of vaccinated children in the country, as well as its first place ranking in the series of seven vaccines that prevent 11 common diseases. Maine achieved an 84.7% vaccination rate for its children, compared to the national average of 71.6%.

MVB funds Maine's award-winning universal childhood vaccine purchasing and distribution program. The program produces over \$34.13 in savings per child per year. That adds up to over \$4.26MM in annual health care cost savings each year.

This year, Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) is proud to report that the state of Maine has achieved the admirable distinction of having the highest percentage of vaccinated children in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In an incredible turnaround, the state of Maine has progressed to having the highest childhood vaccination rates in the nation in 2014. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) released statistics showing that Maine's vaccination rate for the series of seven vaccines protecting against 11 diseases was 84.7%. This is an incredible achievement, especially when considering that the national average for this series of seven vaccines is 71.6%.

MaineHealth's Health Index website highlighted this improvement in the childhood vaccination coverage, particularly lauding the efforts of Maine's provider community in achieving this milestone.



MVB has reduced administrative and financial burdens on health care providers. Instead of having to purchase vaccines up front and await repayment from insurance companies, provider offices now receive vaccines from the state free of charge.

MVB is a joint public and private effort in collaboration with the Maine CDC to improve immunization rates while lowering the costs of health care. The universal childhood vaccine purchasing program administered by the MVB allows the state to purchase vaccines for all Maine's children at substantially discounted rates. Funds from private insurers are pooled with VFC funds to fund the program and pay for the vaccines administered to their beneficiaries—at a much lower cost than they could secure on the private market.





Maine: Advocating to Improve Public Health

A key goal of Maine's vaccine purchasing program is to reduce administrative and financial burden on providers and offices that provide immunization services. In the past, providers had to pre-pay for costly vaccines out of their own pockets and finance their vaccine inventories. Physicians also had to spend precious time ordering and managing vaccine inventories, a process that required them to keep multiple inventories and refrigerators to separate the vaccines for publicly and privately insured patients. For some providers, especially those in small, rural practices, these burdens made it difficult for them to offer immunization services.

Maine's universal vaccine purchasing program reduced these obstacles by establishing a mechanism for the state to purchase all childhood vaccines and distribute them to providers free of charge. The program also made the ordering process and inventory control procedures much simpler.

Maine not only upholds an excellent standard of child vaccinations through the work of the Maine Vaccine Board, but it has now taken the lead in this regard on a national scale. The state of Maine recently received the honor of being recognized as the state with the highest percentage of vaccinated children in the country. The MVB does this in partnership with the Maine Immunization Program and the Maine CDC, as well as the state and local health departments, the pharmaceutical industry, and the physicians, nurses, hospitals, health systems, and families of the state of Maine.

Through the work of the MVB, the state of Maine continues to be a national leader in children's health.

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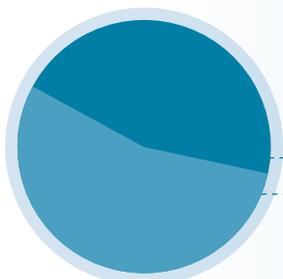
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Vaccine Funding Sources

Total: \$25,517,715

46.8% | MVB Funds (from private insurers)

53.4% | Federal Contribution (VFC Funds)



MVB Program Expenditures*

Total: \$12,026,722

98.8% | Remittance to ME for Vaccine Costs

1.2% | Operating Costs

**This chart reflects funding operations for MVB-funded vaccines. The overall success of Maine's universal vaccine program is a result of the contributions of the Maine CDC, providers, payers, and others not reflected in this chart.*

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