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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

MVB continues its continuous record of significant cost savings (well in excess of 20%) for Maine residents this year. Given various pandemic strains, we remain particularly grateful to Maine providers and the Maine CDC for their implementation of vaccination programs which deploy the childhood vaccines financed by the MVB.

One of the most important outcomes of Maine's universal vaccine program are the health benefits achieved through improved immunization rates for Maine's children.

Most of the credit for this goes to Maine's healthcare providers, in cooperation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) vaccine distribution system, clinical expertise and technical support. The work of the Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) in overseeing the universal vaccine program has been aided by representatives of the Maine CDC, as well as the cooperation of employers and health insurers who do business in Maine.



*2019 National Immunization Survey Childhood Report, published Oct. 2020

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 funds help support Maine's universal childhood vaccine purchasing program. Despite fewer non-COVID vaccine purchases over this year, the program still resulted in nearly \$4 million of savings.

The Maine Universal Access to Childhood Vaccines Program is a joint public and private effort that provides all Maine children birth through age 18 access to vaccinations. The MVB gathers the funding from health insurance carriers and third party administrators, and, in collaboration with the Maine CDC, aids in improving immunization rates while lowering the costs of health care. The universal childhood immunization purchasing program administered by DHHS in partnership with the MVB allows the state to purchase all of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommended childhood vaccines at substantially discounted rates.

Additionally, we are grateful for the added work Maine CDC staff took on to enable MVB to bring current all reporting which had been set aside during the pandemic year and, additionally, to move back to careful forecasting detail to undergird our annual assessment setting work. As a result, we are able to continue to hold vaccine replenishing funding assessments meaningfully below the actual cost of vaccines purchased.

Accordingly, MVB continues its remarkable run at advancing immunization rates in the state while also significantly reducing vaccine costs. Our thanks go out to all who have aided this important work.

Peter Gore, Chair
Peter is Executive Vice President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. He serves on a volunteer basis as the Chair of the MVB.





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A Message from Tonya Philbrick Senior Health Program Manager, Maine CDC

I am grateful for the strong work of our ordering and provider support staff which enabled Maine to surpass President Biden's 70% immunization goal in advance of the July 1, 2021 target date. Nonetheless, unexpectedly for us (and for other public health officials around the nation), highly infectious COVID-19 variants have overtaken Maine's remarkable public health accomplishment so that infections and hospitalizations again are unacceptably high. We are hopeful that broadened immunization rollout across additional age cohorts, together with the universal availability of booster shots, will again dampen the spread.

We applaud providers who, supported by our team, absorbed the enormous increase in immunization workloads attendant to pandemic responses while also, this year, catching up on missed opportunities for other vaccinations which fell behind due to pandemic-deferred well-health checkups. Thank you.

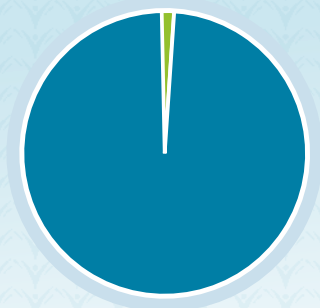
I am also grateful for the numerous community partners who have expanded our vaccination capabilities. Already, we are benefiting from broadened immunization contact points afforded by these new partners. Clearly, Maine's expanded delivery capabilities will be helpful both to resume our past pre-pandemic work of steadily increasing immunization rates and to assuring greater healthcare equity over the years ahead. We applaud our staff and partners, each one, for working tirelessly and retaining Maine's commitment to community service through the much heavier workloads we have experienced over the last two years. We now look forward, with you, to improved health outcomes going forward.

Tonya Philbrick, BS
Senior Health Program Manager, Maine CDC

FINANCIALS

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Resources
\$13,162,914



■ **99.6%** Assessments
■ **0.4%** Interest

Expenditures
\$13,162,914



■ **76.8%** Vaccine Purchases
■ **21.8%** Reserve Increase
■ **1.2%** Service Agent
■ **0.2%** All Other



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