



**TO: Our Valued Clients and Brokers**  
**FROM: HPI**  
**DATE: January 9, 2020**  
**RE: State Assessment and Federal PCORI Fee Update**

***State Assessments***

Periodically, HPI sends our clients and brokers an update of the fees assessed by the various states. The chart below summarizes the information on state assessments as of January 7, 2020, showing how they are calculated – either based on members in the specific state or claims paid within the state – and when they are effective.

- HPI collects these amounts and remits them to the applicable jurisdictions on behalf of our clients.
- The assessments applicable to each client are shown on that client’s *Claims Awaiting Funding Report*. Each assessment can be identified by its Funding Report Code.

If you have questions about these assessments, please contact your HPI Account Manager.

State	Assessment	Current rates	Effective date	Prior rates	Funding Report Code
Connecticut	Childhood Immunization Vaccine Assessment	\$29.449 per CT member as of prior May 1 per year	Annual payment due by following February 1	\$29.93 per CT member as of prior May 1	HPI – CT Vaccine Fee
Idaho	Immunization Assessment	FY 2021 TBD in March 2020	Annual payment due June 15	\$50 per ID child member per year	HPI – Idaho Surcharge
Massachusetts	Health Safety Net (HSN) Assessment	1.5% of claims paid to acute care hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in MA	Applicable to claims 10/1/19 through 9/30/20; payable monthly	1.25% of claims paid to acute care hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in MA	HPI – MA Surcharge Account
Massachusetts	Pediatric Immunization Program	4.54% of HSN claims	1/1/20; payable for first 3 months of the year; due 2/20; 3/20; 4/20	3.17% of HSN claims	HPI – MA Surcharge Account
Massachusetts	Centers for Health Information and Analytics	TBD in September 2020; Proportion of HSN charge % x 50% of CHIA expenses	October 2020; payable in two payment in Oct/Nov 2020	9.87% of claims subject to HSN surcharge	HPI – MA Surcharge - CHIA
Massachusetts	Health Policy Commission	0.5% of claims subject to HSN surcharge	January 2020, payable by 1/31/20	0.4% of claims subject to HSN surcharge	HPI – MA Surchrge – Health Policy Commission

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Massachusetts	EOHHS Child Psychiatry Access	Invoice expected in early April with rate	Due late April 2020	.1.36% of HSN claims paid Jan19 through Mar19	MCPAP
Maine	Universal Child Immunization Program	\$7.96 per ME child member	1/1/20; first quarter payment due 5/15/20	\$ 6.33 per ME child member	HPI – ME Vaccine Fee
Maine	Health Data Assessment	FY 2021 TBD in June 2020	Data Due 4/30/20, Payment Due July 2020	Approximately 0.009% of applicable claims	Maine Health Data Organization
Maine	Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Program	\$4.00 pmpm	1/1/20 payable quarterly	\$4.00 pmpm	MGARA
New Hampshire	Vaccine Association	\$6.80 per NH child member per quarter	1/1/20; first quarter payment due 5/15/20	\$ 6.47 per NH child member	HPI – NH Vaccine Fee
New York <sup>1</sup>	Public Goods Pool covered lives assessment	Varies by region of residence	Monthly, plus annual 1/30 filing	Varies by region of residence	HPI NY Surcharge Account
New York	Indigent care initiative	9.63% if they elect to have HPI file and 37.9% if they opt out	Monthly, plus annual 1/30 filing	9.63% if they elect to have HPI file and 37.90% if they opt out	HPI NY Surcharge Account
Rhode Island	Vaccine Assessment Program	FY 2021 TBD in June 2020	First quarter payment for FY 2021 due 7/30/20	FY 2020 \$ 17.86 per RI child member \$ 3.18 per RI adult member per month	HPI – RI Vaccine Fee
Rhode Island	Children’s Health Account (funding certain children’s home health, diagnostic and treatment services)	FY 2021 - TBD in June 2020	Quarterly	FY 2020 \$9.43 per RI child member per month	HPI RI – Children’s Health Account Fee
Vermont	Vaccine Purchasing Program	FY 2021 – TBD in May 2020	1/1/20; first quarter payment due 5/15/20	\$4.54 per child VT member \$ .56 per adult VT member	HPI – VT Vaccine Fee
Vermont	Health Care Claims Tax	.9999 x 1% of claims for VT members	Applies to claims for FY 2018; due 1/2/20	.9999 x 1% of claims for VT members	HPI – VT Surcharge

<sup>1</sup>The New York fees are combined and paid together

### **Federal PCORI Fee Slated for Reinstatement**

In late December 2019, the federal spending bill signed into law extended the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funding requirements for 10 additional years. The fees were originally scheduled to end with final payments being due on July 31, 2020 for plan years ending between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. To date, no further guidance has been issued by the IRS regarding the extension or the fee rate(s) going forward, but HPI will issue a Compliance *eBlast* when details are made available.

*Background*

PCORI fees have been funding research to evaluate and compare health outcomes and clinical effectiveness related to medical treatments, services, procedures and drugs in order to help patients, clinicians, purchasers and policy makers make informed health care decisions.

The fees have been assessed on group health plans, based on average covered lives. Unlike the state assessments, group health plan sponsors are required to pay the IRS directly using IRS tax Form 720. To help with the calculation of the fee, HPI has provided clients with covered lives data as requested. HPI will continue to offer this assistance going forward. Again, HPI will advise clients of the new rate and payment schedules when they are issued by the IRS.

If you have any questions about the PCORI fee, please contact your HPI Account Manager.

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