



**November 30, 2016**

On November 10, 2016, the Children's Health Account – Rhode Island (CHA-RI) set the program year starting assessment at \$9.29 per month per child contribution enrollee.

Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) assessment rate calculations will be made for amounts due on July 30, 2016, October 30, 2016, January 30, 2017 and April 30, 2017 for the measuring months of April through June 2016, July through September 2016, October through December 2016, January through March 2017, respectively. CHA-RI's self-reporting assessment system will automatically calculate assessments at the correct rate for the January 30, 2017 and April 30, 2017 periods. For the assessments that were due on July 30, 2016 and October 30, 2016, an invoice will be sent via email with the amounts due for those 2 periods.

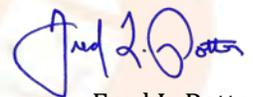
The first invoice will include the assessment calculation for July 30 and October 30 as well as an optional payment plan if payment for this invoice is not made in full on or before December 23, 2016.

The Rhode Island legislature enacted RI Gen L § 42-7.4-3 that became effective on January 1, 2016. This statute created the Health Services Funding Contribution and introduced a new methodology for calculating the Children's Health Account as part of the child health services funding contribution, RI Gen L § 42-12-29. To increase transparency and to lower the burden on payers, CHA-RI is a separate assessment that can be processed in the same way entities process payments for vaccines.

To eliminate any administrative burden on payers, CHA-RI will calculate all payer obligations based upon quarterly reports filed to maintain compliance with the Rhode Island Vaccine Assessment Program (RIVAP). See [www.RIvaccine.org](http://www.RIvaccine.org). So long as those reports are properly and timely filed, no additional reports are required for payers to maintain CHA-RI compliance.

We invite you to visit the CHA-RI website to learn more about the program at [www.CHA-RI.org](http://www.CHA-RI.org). We particularly encourage those responsible for compliance with Rhode Island law applicable to payers to review the filing guide, step by step assessment training as well as FAQs found on the CHA-RI website which provide additional useful information. All of these items are expected to be posted to the CHA-RI website no later than December 15; all of the information essential for compliance is available there.

We want to thank the payer community for its support of the Children's Health Account. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for their excellent guidance and diligent work throughout this entire process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Fred L. Potter'.

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