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On August 3, 2017, the Rhode Island legislature passed the FY2018 budget which included a provision to increase the funds needed for the Children's Health Account – Rhode Island (CHA-RI). This changes the assessment rate of \$7.58 per contribution enrollee per month set in April, the adjusted assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018) is set at \$10.31 per contribution enrollee per month.

FY2018 assessment rate calculations will be made for amounts due on July 30, 2017, October 30, 2017, January 30, 2018 and April 30, 2018 for the measuring months of April through June 2017, July through September 2017, October through December 2017, January through March 2018, respectively.

This is an assessment rate change for FY2018. The original assessment rate for FY2018 was \$7.58 per contribution enrollee per month set in April 2017. This assessment rate was collected for the assessments due on July 30, 2017. Because the new assessment is retroactive to July 1, 2017, an additional \$2.73 is due per contribution enrollee per month for the July 30, 2017 assessment already paid. This additional amount will be spread over the remaining 3 quarters of FY2018 and be an additional \$.91 (\$2.73 divided by 3) per contribution enrollee per month.

The assessment rate for the remainder of FY2018 is \$11.22 (the adjusted assessment rate plus the \$.91 for the first quarter). CHA-RI's self-reporting assessment system will automatically calculate assessments at the correct rate for the October 30, 2017, January 20, 2018 and April 30, 2018 periods.

To increase transparency and to lower the administrative burden on payers, CHA-RI is a separate assessment that can be processed in the same way entities process payments for vaccines (RIVAP). CHA-RI will automatically calculate all payer obligations based upon quarterly reports filed to maintain compliance with the Rhode Island Vaccine Assessment Program (RIVAP). See 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 want to thank the payer community for their continued support of the Children's Health Account - Rhode Island. We also want to thank the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for their diligence throughout the state budget process.

We invite you to visit the CHA-RI website to learn more about the program at www.CHA-RI.org.