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Dear Dr. Ottiano:

I would like to thank you and the Vaccine Advisory Assessment Sub-Committee for providing recommendations based on discussion at the Sub-Committee's meeting held on May 14, 2024. I appreciate your time and commitment to advise the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) on matters associated with the Rhode Island Vaccine Assessment Program (RIVAP).

Thank you for your thorough review and recommendation of the proposed assessment rates for State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25). Addressing the COVID and RSV vaccine-related expenses as part of your discussion is appreciated and aids RIDOH in its continued support of Rhode Islanders. RIDOH agrees with the Sub-Committee's recommendation and has approved the assessment rates as follows:

- \$23.16 per month per child contribution enrollee
- \$ 5.04 per month per adult contribution enrollee

As protocol, RIDOH has communicated the approved rates to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. These rates will also be published on the RIVAP website for insurers to establish their annual budgets accordingly.

I appreciate the Sub-Committee's detailed discussion on how to best navigate the costs associated with COVID and RSV. As always, RIDOH will continue to explore ways in which we can further improve upon RIVAP's success.

Thank you for your ongoing support, service and dedication to statewide public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Staci A. Fischer, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Staci Fischer, MD
Acting Director of Health