



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health  
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## CHANGE IN FEES FOR PAID VACCINATIONS

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 063-19 re: “Change in Fees for Paid Vaccinations” for information.*

### **Key Points**

- Upon review of its program of delivery of non-publicly funded vaccinations, the Vaccine Preventable Disease team will be updating the fee schedule for these vaccines effective November 1.
- The changes are expected to have a small net-positive impact on clinic revenues.

### **Background**

The Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) team at MLHU is responsible for distributing and administering publicly funded vaccines in the region. Additionally, through its clinic at 50 King Street, some vaccinations that are not funded by the provincial government are available to clients on a fee-for-service basis. The fees charged for these vaccines were set several years ago with variable mark-ups in an attempt to enhance access for the community while remaining able to recover costs associated with administration. A review of fees was conducted by the VPD team to evaluate the program’s effectiveness, determine the extent to which these services are being sought by the public, and ensure that true cost recovery is being achieved.

### **Overview**

In the fee review, several vaccinations and services were marked for discontinuance as they were being offered through additions to the list of publicly funded vaccines (see [Appendix A](#)). It was also recommended that the administration fee for each vaccine be set at \$20 (rounded to the nearest \$5) to better reflect the overhead associated with its delivery. Such overhead includes nursing time to deliver the immunization to the client and the administrative costs associated with data entry, ordering, and storage. A small overall increase in revenue, in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000 annually, is anticipated to be associated with this amendment. No risk of revenue loss is anticipated as a result of the change.

### **Conclusion**

The minor changes outlined are reasonable and will ensure affordability of vaccines for the public, as well as the Health Unit’s continued ability to deliver to the community vaccines that are not publicly funded.

This report was prepared by the Vaccine Preventable Disease team, Environmental Health and Infectious Diseases Division.

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