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The Honorable Senator Bert Stedman  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Steadman:

On February 15, 2012, the Department of Health and Social Services received the following question from you, shown in bold italicized font, regarding Senate Bill 144. The Department's response follows the question below.

***What would it cost to add HPV and Meningococcal Meningitis vaccines?***

The human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine is recommended for girls and boys 11 and 12 years old. The estimated cost to add HPV vaccine to the list of state-supplied pediatric vaccines for an estimated 11,000 12 year olds, assuming an 80% immunization rate is \$566,000 for FY2013. It could be many times that amount to "catch-up" any older adolescents who have not already been vaccinated.

The estimated costs to add rotavirus and meningococcal vaccines for children and zoster (shingles) vaccines for adults in FY2013 are:

- Rotavirus vaccine: \$409,000 for infants, assuming an 80% immunization rate.
- Meningococcal vaccine: \$207,000 for adolescents, assuming an 80% immunization rate.
- Zoster (shingles) vaccine: \$980,000 for adults aged 50 years and older, assuming a 4% immunization rate.

If you have additional questions regarding this issue, please contact me at 465-1630.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Commissioner

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