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## Implementing an Electronic Health Record

Health care providers across the country and around the world are feeling pressure to convert their paper medical records to electronic health records (EHRs). Just as children are not small adults, a pediatric EHR is not just an adaptation of an adult EHR. A good pediatric EHR must be designed from the beginning with pediatric requirements in mind. A poorly designed system may do more harm than good.

Now available on Practice Management Online, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) *Implementing an Electronic Health Record Toolkit* will help you prepare your office for the transition, select a vendor, address the challenges of implementation, and realized additional benefits, beyond just reducing paper, that are available with an EHR.

- [Electronic Medical Record: Overview](#)
- [Slide Presentation: How to Choose an EHR](#)
- [EHR Review Web Site](#)
- [Special Requirements for Electronic Medical Record Systems in Pediatrics](#)
- [Pardon Our Dust—Our Office is Going Electronic \(Flyer for distribution to patients\)](#)
- [Administrative Simplification and Your Practice](#)
- [Old Harding Pediatric Associates: Application for Davies Recognition Program \(Sample Application\)](#)

Visit <http://practice.aap.org/ehr.aspx> to view the Toolkit.

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## New Content Added to *Practice Management Online*

Each month, new content is added to *Practice Management Online* (PMO). Following are the articles, tools, and resources that have been added this month.

### AAP Letter: AAP Notifies National Payers on Assistive Technology

– Official AAP letter to national payers, dated August 29, 2008, notified national carriers, benefit plan consultants and business groups on health informing them of the AAP clinical report Prescribing Assistive-Technology Systems.

### AAP Private Payer Advocacy Update: September 2008

– The Private Payer Advocacy Update alerts you to news impacting your practice's bottom line. The September 2008 issue provides updates on immunization administration payments, AAP immunization initiatives, updates on assistive technology and more.

**Early Intervention Program Referral Form** – This sample office document can be used when referring a patient to an early intervention program.

### Effective Communication When Creating Immunization Materials for the Public

– This document provides tips on how to educate the public about the importance of immunizations.

**Emergency Information Form for Children With Autism** – This sample office document can be completed for children who have autism.

### Immunization Initiatives Newsletter: September 2008

– This September 2008 Immunization Initiatives Newsletter provides updates and alerts on the rise in measles cases, upcoming events, information on how to create immunization materials for the public, and more.

### Local List of Possible Community Resources for Pediatric Practices

– This sample office document can be used to provide families with the names and contact information of local referral sources and family groups so that the information is readily available when needed.

### Prevention and Control of Influenza

– The CDC 2008-2009 Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Influenza have been published in MMWR. They include a new recommendation that annual vaccination be administered to all children aged 5-18 years, maintaining the primary focus on vaccinating children 6 to 59 months as they are at a higher risk for influenza complications

### Proportion of Pediatric Preventive Care Spending, by Type of Service and by Age by Gender, for Ages 0 through 21 for Non-at-risk Children

– This document provides an overview of the percentage of checkups, immunizations, and screening by age and gender.



## Utilization of Pediatric Services by Infants, Children and Young Adults through Age 21, by CPT® Code as Reported in Medstat MarketScan® 2005



This document provides an overview of the 100 Services Most Frequently Provided by Primary Care Physicians including, General Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists, FP/GPs, Internists & OB/GYNs to Patients Ages 0 through 21. It also provides the utilization pattern for 99211-99215 (CPT® Codes for Sick Visit by Established Patients) and 99391-99395 (CPT® Codes for Preventive Medicine Services by Established Patients).

This report provides several important points.

- Of the 100 Services Most Frequently Provided by *Primary Care Physicians* (General Pediatricians, FP/GPs, Internists & OB/GYNs) to Patients Ages 0 through 21, the most common CPT® code used is 99213 (23.86%). The next most common is 90471 (5.35%).
- 2% of General Pediatricians code 99211 (Established patient, nurse only), 75.1% code 99213 (Established patient, low complexity) and 15.2% code 99214 (Established patient, moderate complexity).

Visit <http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=2494> to download the PDF.

## Fall 2008 soapmnews is available

The Fall 2008 issue of soapmnews is available to the Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) members on PMO at <http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=2474>.

The spring issue is available to all AAP members at <http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=2290>.

To become a member of SOAPM, visit <http://www.aap.org/member/SectionMbrreq.htm>.



*NEW from the American Academy of Pediatrics*

2009 Pediatric Coding Resources

## Promoting pediatric coding excellence

Correct coding and documentation not only result in appropriate payment for services—they are hallmarks of quality clinical care.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) plays a leadership role in educating physicians and administrative staff on best business practices. The AAP is involved in all areas of payment, including procedural coding, diagnosis coding, and the valuation of services with the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale. And AAP resources provide pediatric-specific coding and payment guidance that is unique in today's marketplace.

### ***AAP Pediatric Coding Newsletter™*—Stay current and compliant with the official coding newsletter of the AAP!**

Developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and published under the direction of the editorial panel of the AAP Committee on Coding and Nomenclature, this monthly coding advisory features pediatric-specific solutions to help you maximize payment, remain compliant, increase your coding accuracy, and reduce payment delays and claim denials. This monthly newsletter includes **print and complete online access** to broad coverage of coding for pediatric primary care and subspecialty services. And it is custom-built for ready access and easy comprehension by physicians and office staff alike. Visit <http://coding.aap.org> to view a dynamic site demonstration and preview a complete issue.

### ***Coding for Pediatrics, 14th Edition*—Newly updated!**

Ensure accurate billing and prompt payment—and help drive high-quality care—with the premier comprehensive guidebook focused exclusively on pediatric coding. Turn here for pediatric-specific, AAP-endorsed coding guidance including convenient access to all new and updated *CPT* and *ICD-9-CM* pediatric codes, new clinical vignettes, self-study guide, best practice principles of coding for 2009, and much more.

### ***2009 Pediatric ICD-9-CM Coding Flip Chart*—With PDA access!**

Get the spiral-bound print flip chart plus superfast PDA access to the most commonly used pediatric codes—all in one value-priced package! All 2009 changes to *ICD-9-CM* are indexed by diagnosis and organized alphabetically for easy code identification. PDA version streamlines code lookup with an innovative diagnosis speedlist search function. Laminated print chart stands up or lies flat as needed.

### **Quick Reference Card for Pediatric Coding and Documentation, 4th Edition**

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