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Final Rule on Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records

Federal officials have released the final rule on meaningful use of electronic health records (EHR). This will allow physicians and hospitals to qualify for thousands of dollars in stimulus funding incentives for the adoption of electronic health records.

The 864-page final rule, several weeks late from its anticipated delivery before June 21, outlines the specific qualifications providers must meet to achieve the meaningful use of electronic health records.

In the coming days, the National AAP Office will analyze and summarize the Final Rule. A summary document will be provided to members. The AAP will also provide pediatricians with local, state and federal resources to help them implement EHR systems consistent with this rule.

Also, Dr. David Blumenthal and Marilyn Tavenner recently published an article in the New England Journal of Medicine which provides a summary and the requirement highlights of the Final Rule. The article can be found at the following link.

<http://healthcarereform.nejm.org/?p=3732&query=home>

The entire Final Rule may be viewed at http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17207_PI.pdf.

Chapter representatives will be working with the Georgia Department of Community Health Medicaid Incentive Program to disseminate information on how to access funding as soon as plans are known.

Georgia Medicaid Training Workshops

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) will be moving to a new carrier, HP Enterprise Systems, to process Medicaid Fee-for-Service claims for the state of Georgia. This transition is effective November 1, 2010. Training sessions for the new HP system have just been announced. There will be workshops held throughout Georgia starting August 2010 and continuing through October 2010.

We encourage you to review the offerings and enroll into the training that applies to your practice. This will ensure that you are prepared for the upcoming transition. You can register online by visiting the following link:

<https://www.seeuthere.com/rsvp/invitation/invitation.asp?id=/m1c9c3a7-11A8GNN81V2UB>

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