



## **Blast Communication**

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### COVID-19 Update #11

April 24, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are the updates for Friday, April 24:

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#### **Georgia Medicaid Planning To Allow Tele-Well-Visits**

We learned on Wednesday that the Georgia Medicaid program is planning to permit Healthchecks when done by telehealth. This is great news and would be done by reporting place of service as 02 – Telehealth. However, further details--how a practice reports the telehealth components and the in-person physical exam, administration of vaccines, and labs, etc—are pending. Stay tuned... we'll keep you informed.

#### **Town Hall on Telehealth for Georgia AAP Members!**

Join us as one of the nation's top experts in pediatric telehealth, Mick Connors, MD, FAAP, president of Anytime Pediatrics presents information on telehealth: implementing it in your practice and understanding the aspects of this critically important care modality.

#### **Telehealth in Pediatrics: Getting Started, Getting Paid**

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm EDT

**Register at:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1854025500495729934>

*Questions? if you have telehealth questions you want the experts to answer, send them to Fozia Khan Eskew at [feskw@gaaap.org](mailto:feskew@gaaap.org) by Monday at 5pm. Please put **GA AAP Town Hall** in the subject line.*

#### **National Infant Immunization Week: April 25 – May 2, 2020.**

NIIW highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine preventable diseases and celebrates the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States. As we are working diligently in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic it is even more important for us to ensure that our patients remain free of vaccine preventable diseases and that individuals are as healthy as possible. If routine vaccination is postponed, we could be faced not only with a COVID-19 pandemic, but an outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases, like measles.

During these uncertain times, ensuring the delivery of newborn and well-childcare, including childhood immunization, requires different strategies. The [AAP](#) and the [CDC](#) have provided additional guidance on immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit CDC [NIIW 2020 CDC Toolkit](#) for more resources.

#### **Pediatrics By the Sea, Update**

The status of *Pediatrics By the Sea*, set for June 17-20, 2020 will be decided next week.

#### **DCH/Medicaid Announces Webinars Next Week**

The Department of Community Health (DCH) (aka Medicaid) also will have a Telehealth Webinars next week—which will be repeated. Practice managers, billing staff, business associates or others who submit Medicaid claims should attend. The webinars will provide important information you will need to know on the following topics including, but not limited to:

- \* Originating Site
- \* Distance Site
- \* Providers able to perform telehealth
- \* Billing Requirements

The webinar will be offered twice on the dates below:

Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 1:30 pm

To register online, visit - <https://forms.gle/HiRLpwSYKPBpE8wBA> Upon completion of your registration, a confirmation notice will be sent via e-mail to the address provided during registration. For more information, contact DXC Technology at [GAworkshopregistration@dxc.com](mailto:GAworkshopregistration@dxc.com).

#### **Whatever Your Learning Needs During the COVID-19 Closures, Your Local Library is Ready to Help.**

While libraries are closed, you can still use digital resources available at your library. Whether you are working on a school assignment, doing research, or simply want to gain a new skill, your library has easy-to-use resources available. Just sign in from your desktop, laptop or mobile device. Click [here](#) for five online library resources that you can access for free. Find even more [here](#).

#### **DCH offers webinars on Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) - Promoting Interoperability Stage 3**

The Ga. Department of Community Health and its IT vendor, DXC Technology will have monthly webinars beginning in May on Promoting Interoperability - Stage 3. Topics include: General Program Guidelines, Stage 3 Software Edition Qualification Updates, Meeting Requirements for Clinical Quality Measures, and How to Eliminate Common Provider Common Application Errors.

This obviously is a timely topic and space is limited. If multiple staff from same practice wish to attend, please reserve one spot, and participate via speakerphone if possible. To RSVP click [here](#). Questions? Contact DXC MAPIR Outreach by e-mail at [hp.mapir.outreach@dxc.com](mailto:hp.mapir.outreach@dxc.com).

#### **EPIC® Programs Now Delivered Virtually**

A reminder that the Chapter's popular EPIC® programs have gone virtual. We are innovating to bring our peer-to-peer education to you in a new way - online! We can customize a program to your office staff availability (they can even log on or call in from home) or you can register for one of our new webinar offerings. Visit the EPIC® website at [www.GaEPIC.org](http://www.GaEPIC.org) to request a **Breastfeeding** or **Immunization** webinar.

This education is at no cost to your practice, through our partnership with the Georgia Department of Public Health.

*If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact Noreen Dahill at [ndahill@gaaap.org](mailto:ndahill@gaaap.org).*

*If you have questions regarding Telehealth, please contact Fozia Eskew at [feskw@gaaap.org](mailto:feskew@gaaap.org).*

*Thanks so much for your time and consideration.*

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***This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our Pediatric nurses and practice managers.***