



Georgia Chapter
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Georgia AAP Update

September 30, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for this week, September 28 - October 2, 2020.

Announcements

New Chapter District Representative & Officer Candidates Named: The Georgia AAP Nominating Committee has named the following members as candidates for officers and the Board of Directors. The election will take place at the Business Meeting, Sunday, Nov. 1, at 12:00 noon, as part of Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway. As officers: Drs. Angela Highbaugh-Battle, St. Marys, vice president; Anu Sheth, Lawrenceville, secretary; and Cedric Miller, Atlanta, treasurer. As district representatives: Drs. Sylvia Washington, Rome; Marisa Gadea, Marietta; Susan Reines, Decatur; Curtis Malcom, Gainesville; Rachel Burke, Alma; Brandy Gheesling, Savannah; Kristen DeWeese, Dalton.

Also selected as Honorary Presidents were Drs. Jan Loeffler, Valdosta; and Dean Wilcox, Atlanta. Finally, named to the Chapter executive committee were Drs. Josh Lane, Augusta (At-large member) and Ben Toole, Albany, (ECP member). Congratulations all!

Update on CPT Code 87426 - The Chapter learned last week that the Georgia Department of Community Health (Medicaid) is reimbursing CPT code 87426 at a "default rate" of \$15 until CMS sets a rate for this code. Once the rate has been set, Georgia Medicaid will have all Fee for Service claims reprocessed at the higher rate. The Georgia Medicaid Care Management Organizations will likely follow this process as well. DCH has two codes within their fee schedule for COVID-19 testing: CPT U0002 - Severity Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-COV) For the dates of services

02/01/2020 through 03/12/2020 the reimbursement rate is: \$51.31 and CPT 87635 - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS COV-2) For dates of services 03/13/2020 through 2/31/2299 the reimbursement rate is: \$51.31. We will continue to work with the AAP and DCH to ensure that CPT Code 87426 is appropriately reimbursed to continue to allow pediatricians to support communities in parents returning to work as their children return to class by offering rapid COVID-19 testing.

Flu Vaccine Bidirectional Borrowing - Georgia VFC has announced they will allow borrowing between VFC and private flu vaccine stocks for the 2020-2021 flu season. Please refer to the recently released guidance [here](#).

AAP Updates Guidance on Returning to Sports Activities - On September 17th, the AAP updated its [guidance](#) for children and teens who participate in sports activities, clarifying the recommended amount of time athletes should be held out of practices and games if they or close contacts show symptoms or test + for COVID-19.

Resources for Pediatricians

AAP PPE Account with Amazon - The AAP partnered with Amazon to offer a special business account to AAP members. This account offers access to Amazon's wide product selection, competitive prices, and free shipping on orders over \$25. The following [FAQs](#) provides further details.

New Resource for Census Completion! - Share the [Rx to Vote & Fill Out the Census](#) with patients' families. Pediatricians have an important role to play in ensuring children have a voice this election and are counted in the 2020 census. Please encourage your families to register to vote and complete the census. Spanish version [here](#).

AAP Get Out the Vote Campaign - The AAP has launched their Vote Kids campaign with resources which you can access [here](#). Social media graphics, voter registration resources, and a QR code are included.

Resources for Parents

Free Parenting Resources - Parenting for Lifelong Health, CDC, WHO, and UNICEF are providing parenting resources to families during COVID-19. These evidence-informed resources are freely available on their [website](#) and include tip sheets for parents that have been translated into over [100 languages](#).

DECAL Launches New Developmental Milestones Website - The Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning has collaborated with the CDC in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics to create their research based milestone website. The ten milestone sections include information on each developmental domain. Click [here](#) for details.

Atlanta COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program - If you serve families in the city of Atlanta who are having financial trouble due to COVID-19, the Emergency Rental

Assistance Program can provide up to \$3,000 in assistance. Funds may be used to cover past due rent, utilities, and move-in deposits as a result of impending eviction. Families can visit <https://relief.uwga.org/> for full details or text C19-ERA to 898-211.

Education

Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition - Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2020. It will feature a combination of live, as well as recorded events, which you can view at your convenience. Click [here](#) or on the image at the top for information.

Webinar: How to Leverage Data from GRITS & the Value of Reminder/Recall
- Offered by the Georgia Chapter in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Thursday, Oct. 22, 11:30 am-12:30 pm ET. Click [here](#) for information.

Georgia AAP Webinar: Update on E-Cigarettes - Wednesday, Oct. 14, 12:30 pm ET is the first in a series of three webinars offered to Georgia pediatricians on the growing epidemic of youth e-cigarette use. Register [here](#).

Sincerely,

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For questions, contact Noreen Dahill at ndahill@gaaap.org. This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our pediatric nurses and practice managers. Thank you!

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