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Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition

October 31 - November 1, 2020

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Georgia AAP Weekly Update

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Announcements

JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY! Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition - Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2020. Sign up today for two days of virtual learning and connecting with other Georgia pediatricians and exhibitors. Click [here](#) to see the program of live and recorded content. Click [here](#) to register.

New Provider Relief Funding Phase 3 General Distribution - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a next phase of provider relief funding. It will distribute \$20 billion to pediatricians and other providers who have experienced lost revenue and increased expenses due to COVID-19. Providers will be able to apply from October 5 to November 6. Additional information on the Phase 3 General Distribution can be found via this [press release](#), and by registering [here](#) for an HHS webinar scheduled for tomorrow, October 15, 3 p.m. ET.

October is Safe Sleep Month - Each year in the U.S., more than 3,700 infants, without a prior known illness or injury, die suddenly and unexpectedly from sleep-related causes such as SIDS and Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed. As of 2018, Georgia averaged three infant deaths per week due to sleep-related causes, which are mostly preventable.

Now is a great time to make sure that you and your families are up to date on the latest Safe Sleep recommendations. Refer to our [Fall newsletter](#) for an informative article by Dr. Sarah Lazarus, our Chapter's Safe Sleep Co-champion. Click [here](#) for information for families from HealthyChildren.org.

Resources for Pediatricians

Patient-Focused Health Risk Assessment Reminder - Georgia Medicaid permits reporting of CPT code 96160, Patient-focused health risk assessment. This code reimburses at a rate of \$3.95. Examples of these risk assessment tools include the tobacco, alcohol, or drug use assessment e.g CRAFFT, anemia risk assessment, and the lead risk assessment. Per the Georgia Medicaid EPSDT manual, during a well visit the 96160 may be reported with the EP modifier, POS 99 and the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code along with the EP; guidance notes that the 59 modifier may be used when also reporting vaccine administration codes for the same visit. When reported outside a well visit, the 96160 may be reported with the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code, along with the EP modifier and POS 99; if reported at the same time as vaccine administration does, the 59 modifier may also be reported. The 96160 should only be listed once per claim for multiple units. Finally, units submitted should not exceed acceptable medically unlikely edit (MUE) maximum established by CMS.

Flu Vaccine Promotion Resource - As part of ongoing Immunization Initiatives, the AAP provides resources, recommendations, and updates to assist clinicians in their critical role in disease prevention. Contact [Hollis Russinof](#), AAP Program Manager, with questions. Please see this helpful AAP Article: [What's the Latest with the Flu in an Era of COVID-19, September 2020](#).

Resources for Parents

Halloween Tips for Families (article and graphics) - The AAP's family-facing website, [HealthyChildren.org](#) released the article, [Halloween and COVID-19: Have Fun While Staying Safe](#) that pediatricians can share, along with these downloadable [social graphics](#).

Education

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.

Webinar: Update on E-Cigarettes New Date! - This webinar has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct. 28, 12:30 pm ET. It is the first in a series of three webinars offered to Georgia pediatricians on the growing epidemic of youth e-cigarette use. Sponsor: Georgia AAP. Register [here](#).

EPIC® Breastfeeding Education Series Virtual Meetings - Thursday, Oct. 22, 12:30-1:30 pm ET, *The Physician's Role in Eliminating Racial Disparities in Breastfeeding and Maternal/Infant Mortality*. Faculty: Terri McFadden, MD, FAAP, Past Chapter President; Kimarie Bugg, DNP, MPH, IBCLC, Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE); and Keisha Callins, MD, MPH, Georgia OB/GYN Society Breastfeeding Medicine Committee Chair. Register [here](#). We'll have a new topic each month! For complete details visit [www.GaEPIC.org](#).

EPIC® Immunization Webinars - Two great programs later this month. Register [here](#) for the following:

--Update on Adolescent Immunizations, Oct. 21, 12:30-1:30pm ET
--Current Topics in Adult Immunizations, Oct. 28, 12:30-1:30pm ET

Webinar: Safe Sleep-Changing a Tradition, Changing a Position - Friday, Oct. 23, 1:00-2:00 pm ET, register [here](#), and Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00 am-12:00 pm ET, register [here](#). This webinar will focus on increasing the role of both grandparents and caregivers in keeping infants safe by highlighting "Best Practices" in safe sleep.

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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