



Georgia Chapter
American Academy of Pediatrics
Georgia's leading voice for children and the
pediatricians & subspecialists who care for them.



Click Image for Information

Georgia AAP Weekly Update October 7, 2020

We'd Like Your Feedback on the Weekly Updates

Last spring, the Chapter began e-publishing Weekly Updates to keep you apprised of the latest on COVID-19 news. During the summer we broadened its focus to include other news & information in a brief, at-a-glance (we hope!) format. Our data shows that it's opened by nearly 1000 Georgia members every week! Please give us some feedback on the Weekly Update and tell us if it's helpful and how to improve it. The survey will take 1 minute. Thank you.

Click [here](#) to take survey

Announcements

JUST THREE 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. Here are the top five reasons [WHY](#) you should attend! Click [here](#) to register.

HHS Announces New Provider Relief Funding: The 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. The Georgia Chapter is closely tracking this funding opportunity and will provide more information as it becomes available so stay tuned. Some of the information we have received to date indicate that not all practices may be eligible for this new funding.

Update on CPT Code 87426 - A reminder that CPT code 87426 will pay at a "default rate" of \$15 for Georgia Medicaid until CMS sets a rate for this code. Once the rate has been set, Georgia Medicaid (Mcd) plans to reprocess claims with this code at the higher

rate; the Mcd Care Management Organizations are expected to follow this as well. The Mcd fee schedule does have a rate of \$51.31 for CPT 87635 - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS COV-2) for dates of services 03/13/2020 through 2/31/2299.

October is Safe Sleep Month - 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

AAP Tracks State-by-State data on Covid-19 in Children - Pediatricians can access the state level report compiled by the AAP [here](#).

Influenza Immunization Promotion - As part of ongoing Immunization Initiatives, the AAP provides resources, recommendations, and updates to assist clinicians in their critical role in disease prevention. Chapters can share promotional language & access the materials below. Contact [Hollis Russinof](#), AAP Program Manager, with questions.

--Webinar: [Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers](#) | October 8, 1:00–2:00 pm CT

--AAP Article: [What's the Latest with the Flu in an Era of COVID-19, September 2020](#)

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

Resources for Parents

Child Health Day 2020 - Monday, October 5th was Child Health Day and in celebration, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) focused on children in its [Partners in Progress MCHB Newsletter](#). Throughout this week, MCHB will be promoting Child Health with a series of messages on programs that seek to achieve health equity for children. Each day this week, check out @HRSA on Twitter for #ChildHealth information postings. Take a moment to retweet and respond with your comments and achievements toward child health equity.

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 - 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. Sponsor: Georgia AAP. Register [here](#).

EPIC® Breastfeeding Education Series Virtual Meetings - Thursday, October 22, 12:30-1:30 pm ET, Breastfeeding Fundamentals: *The Physician's Role in Eliminating Racial Disparities in Breastfeeding and Maternal/Infant Mortality*. Faculty: Terri McFadden, MD, FAAP, Past Chapter President and Kimarie Bugg, DNP, FNP-BC, MP, IBCLC, CLC, Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere, Inc. (ROSE). Register [here](#). We'll have a new topic each month! For details visit www.GaEPIC.org.

Sincerely,

Hugo Scornik, MD, FAAP, President

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!

Stay Connected to the Georgia AAP!

Use our media platforms -- twitter, Facebook, YouTube -- and our blog www.gapeds.blogspot.com to stay in the know and get the information you need.



Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
11350 Spring Street, NW | Suite 700 | Atlanta, GA 30309
phone: 404-881-5020 | fax: 404-249-9503 | www.gaaap.org

emma®