



([http://www.aapca3.org/law/ppa/peds\\_supplement.pdf](http://www.aapca3.org/law/ppa/peds_supplement.pdf)) of the supplement *Financing of Childhood and Adolescent Vaccines* is attached. The complete supplement can be found online (for free) at [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/vol124/Supplement\\_5/index.dtl](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/vol124/Supplement_5/index.dtl).

The supplement includes studies on the costs of vaccines and immunization administration. Pediatric councils and members can use the data to support efforts for appropriate payments by carriers for vaccines and immunization administration.

**3. Humana continues with settlement agreement provisions** Although the managed care settlement agreement with Humana ended on October 19, 2009, Humana has voluntarily agreed to maintain many of the most important terms of the Settlement Agreement. Humana has agreed to maintain the following Settlement provisions in effect:

- 90 days advance written notice prior to implementing material adverse changes, including fee schedule reductions
- Application of the clinical definition of medical necessity as spelled out verbatim in the Settlement Agreement
- Application of the coding rules required by the Settlement Agreement
- 18 month limitation on seeking overpayment recovery
- Posting significant coding edits and the list of code combinations not appropriately reported with modifiers 25 and 59 on its Provider Website

The following Settlement Agreement terms will no longer remain in effect:

- Although Humana will continue to pay interest as on late-paid claims as required by state law, it will no longer pay interest on late-paid self-funded claims.
- Except as required by state law, Humana will no longer be bound to recognize assignment of benefits.
- Although Humana has no current plans to revise its fee schedules more than once year, it will not agree to be bound by this limit.

Detailed information may be accessed at:

**Summary of Humana agreement:**

<http://www.hmosettlements.com/pages/humana.html>

**Humana letter to physicians**

<http://preview.sequeldesign.com/humana.com/HumanaWeb4thQ09/articles/Letter.html>

## **4. AAP, Kansas Chapter addressing BCBS KA article detrimental to pediatricians**

Together with the AAP Kansas Chapter, the AAP is preparing to send a letter objecting to an article in the BCBS Kansas member newsletter, *Healthy You*. The offending article, *Has your child outgrown the pediatrician?* presents an imbalanced perspective against pediatrics. The article was prepared by Stay Well Custom Communications which provides article templates for health plan and hospital newsletters. The AAP is drafting a response to Stay Well Custom Communications objecting to the article. Future monthly updates will include an update on this issue.

### **Action Requested**

**. In the interim, please advise AAP private payer advocacy (PPA) staff if the article "Has your child outgrown the pediatrician" has appeared in any other health plan or hospital newsletters by emailing [lterranova@aap.org](mailto:lterranova@aap.org)**

## 5. Health care reform resources

The AAP has current information on health care reform including an overview on how health care reform will impact children and pediatricians. The AAP Advocacy Snapshot: What the Health Reform Law Means for Children and Pediatricians can be accessed with other resources at: <http://aap.grassroots.com/?nftoken=1b831a6f-4b8a-49c8-ad5f-183693574826>

## 6. AAP News articles related to private payer advocacy issues

The following articles related to private payment issues are in the April 2010 AAP News:

**What to know about the new PCV 13 vaccine: From availability to cost, scheduling to coding** <http://aapnews.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/31/4/9>

**AAP Coding Corner addresses The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) includes two new measures designed to assess obesity screening in adults and children. How would these be coded, and can a practice be paid for obtaining body mass index (BMI)?** <http://aapnews.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/31/4/24>

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**A *FREE PREVIEW*** is now available of the PediaLink module on Contract Negotiations with Payers. The preview may be accessed on the AAP Member Center, private payer advocacy page under What's New (or link to [http://pedialink.org/cmefinder/videos/Contract\\_Negotiations\\_Preview/index.htm](http://pedialink.org/cmefinder/videos/Contract_Negotiations_Preview/index.htm) (requires member login)).

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