

2. Revised Business Case for Pricing Vaccines and Immunization Administration clarifies need for appropriate payment

The revised documents detail the distinct vaccine and administration related costs and calls for adequate payment for both vaccines and immunization administration. The documents will be sent to payers as part of AAP private payer advocacy. AAP chapters, pediatric councils and members can use these documents for their own advocacy efforts. Copies of each document can also be downloaded from the AAP Member Center, private payer advocacy page at: <http://www.aap.org/securemoc/reimburse/BusCasePricingVacJuly10.pdf> and <http://www.aap.org/securemoc/reimburse/BusCasePricingImmJuly10.pdf> (requires member login)

3. AAP sends letter to Aetna objecting to its immunization payment methodology

The AAP sent a letter to Aetna objecting to the carrier's payments for immunization administration and vaccines, including the PCV13 vaccine. AAP Chapter pediatric councils and members may consider sharing the letter with their Aetna contacts as a reference in advocating for appropriate payment. The letter is also posted on the AAP Member Center, private payer advocacy page at: <http://www.aap.org/securemoc/reimburse/AetnaPCV13Ltr10.pdf> (requires member login). Aetna's response and related follow up by the AAP will be reported in future updates.

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6. AAP News articles related to private payer advocacy issues The following articles related to private payment issues are in the July 2010 AAP News:

Guidance offered on filing claims for share of UHG settlement fund

<http://aapnews.aapublications.org/cgi/content/full/31/7/30-a>

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