



#### **4. Number of Chapter pediatric councils increasing**

A key component of the AAP private payer advocacy are chapter pediatric councils serving as forums to meet with regional health plans to address pediatric issues. Several chapters have formed pediatric councils bringing the total up to 30. New pediatric councils have been formed in Arizona, Illinois Montana, and Puerto Rico. The four AAP chapters in California (District V) have formed a district wide council and will be meeting for the first time later in September. For additional information on pediatric councils, including contact information for each chapter, check out the pediatric council link on the AAP Member Center (Private Payer Advocacy page) at <http://www.aap.org/moc/reimburse/pedcouncil/default.htm> (requires member log in)

#### **5. NCE features Pediatric Council Forum and Meet the Carrier Medical Directors**

As part of the AAP Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) Hot Topics session during the 2007 NCE in San Francisco, there will be a panel discussion featuring carrier medical directors followed by a pediatric council forum on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm. Medical Directors from national carriers will be available to answer questions during a session from 3-4 pm. Chapters interested in forming a pediatric council as well as pediatric council members and chapter private payer advocacy liaisons are encouraged to attend the pediatric council forum from 4-5 pm. The meetings will be held at the Westin St. Francis.

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

The August 2007 issue of AAP News features the following article related to private payer issues: (to read the article, click on the link below the title)

##### **Price of Prevnar up 6.5%; Favorable terms available**

<http://aapnews.aapublications.org/cgi/content/full/e2007273v1>

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**Have a carrier concern? Complete the AAP Hassle Factor Form on the AAP Member Center at <http://www.aap.org/moc/reimburse/hasslefactor/> (requires member log in). The AAP and chapters use the data to identify issues and discussion points with payers.**