



## CODING RESOURCES

### **Coding Hotline**

Members and their staff can call or e-mail the coding hotline to answer their coding questions. Call 800/433-9016 ext 4022 to receive a fax-back sheet or e-mail [aapcodinghotline@aap.org](mailto:aapcodinghotline@aap.org) with your questions.

### ***Coding for Pediatrics***

This annual publication provides easy reference to pediatric codes. It includes clinical examples and information on subspecialties such as gastroenterology, emergency medicine, and children with special health care needs. With the manual you receive *Pediatric Coding Companion*, a quarterly newsletter with the latest changes and interpretations of coding issues. To order call 888/227-1770.

### **Pediatric ICD-9-CM Coding Flipchart**

Customized for primary care pediatric practices, this handy flipchart makes accurate diagnosis coding fast and easy. To order call 888/227-1770.

### ***Quick Reference Guides to Pediatric Coding and Documentation***

Handy, pocket-sized references for use with *Coding for Pediatrics* includes the complete 1995 and 1997 CMS Documentation Guidelines, as well as examples to help ensure complete, accurate coding of E/M services. There are now three versions of this handy guide: 1) children with special health care needs; 2) adolescent medicine; and 3) general pediatrics.

### **AAP Coding Clues**

Part of Pedialink®, this on-line CME course will lead members through important coding changes and allow them to earn AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. For more information, go to [www.pedialink.org](http://www.pedialink.org).

### **RBRVS Brochure**

This brief brochure explains what RBRVS is and how it affects pediatrics. It is updated annually. It includes the current relative values for more than 50 codes commonly used in pediatrics, as well as the geographic practice cost indices for each state. An electronic copy of the brochure is available by going to <http://www.aap.org/visit/2004RBRVS.pdf>.

### **Section RVU Chairs**

Most Sections have identified RVU chairs. Among their responsibilities is to identify where there are gaps in CPT codes and to help the Academy put forth recommendations for new codes. For members with concerns related to specific codes, RVU Chairs may be able to help them.

### **Coding Workshops**

The AAP offers comprehensive Coding, Documentation, and Reimbursement in Pediatric Practice workshops across the country each year. These workshops are geared toward physicians and their office staff and provide education on CPT, HCPCS, ICD-9-CM, RBRVS, documentation, contract negotiation, modifiers, and regulations. For more information, go to [www.pedialink.org/pedialink/cme/coursefinder/index.cfm](http://www.pedialink.org/pedialink/cme/coursefinder/index.cfm).

*For more information on coding and reimbursement issues, contact Linda Walsh or Teri Salus in the Division of Health Care Finance and Practice at 800/433-9016 ext 7931.*