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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the over 60,000 members of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), I would like to bring your attention to the fact that starting January 1, 2009, there will be significant revisions to the neonatal and pediatric inpatient evaluation and management (E/M) CPT codes.

These revisions were proposed by the AAP and implemented by the American Medical Association in an effort to allow sufficient room in the CPT nomenclature for potential expansion. The revised codes also allow for consecutive placement of codes within the family of neonatal and pediatric CPT codes.

Given that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires that "the version of the medical data code sets specified in the implementation specifications must be the version that is valid at the time the health care is furnished," all covered entities must recognize the revised code numbers starting January 1, 2009.

In order to facilitate implementation of the revised code numbers enclosed please find a comprehensive list of the changes to the neonatal and pediatric inpatient E/M codes for 2009.

I urge you to update your software system to allow recognition of the revised code numbers starting January 1, 2009. Should you have any questions, please contact the Division of Health Care Finance and Quality Improvement at dhcfqi@aap.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David T. Tayloe, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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Newborn Care

- ~~99431(X1)~~ **99460** Initial hospital or birthing center care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the normal newborn infant
- ~~99432(X2)~~ **99461** Initial care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the normal newborn infant seen in other than hospital or birthing center
- ~~99433(X3)~~ **99462** Subsequent hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a normal newborn
- ~~99435(X4)~~ **99463** Initial hospital or birthing center care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the normal newborn infant admitted and discharged on the same date
- ~~99436(X5)~~ **99464** Attendance at delivery (when requested by the delivering physician) and initial stabilization of newborn
- ~~99440(X6)~~ **99465** ~~Delivery/birthing room Newborn~~ resuscitation: provision of positive pressure ventilation and/or chest compressions in the presence of acute inadequate ventilation and/or cardiac output

Inpatient Neonatal Intensive Care Services and Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Services

Initial and Continuing Intensive Care Services

- ☐ **99477** Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the neonate, 28 days of age or less, who requires intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services
- ~~99298(X8)~~ **99478** **Subsequent intensive care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant (present body weight less than 1500 grams)
- ~~99299(X9)~~ **99479** **Subsequent intensive care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering low birth weight infant (present body weight of 1500-2500 grams)
- ~~99300(X10)~~ **99480** **Subsequent intensive care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering infant (present body weight of 2501-5000 grams)

Pediatric Critical Care Patient Transport

- ~~99289(X11)~~ **99466** **Critical care** services delivered by a physician, face-to-face, during an interfacility transport of critically ill or critically injured pediatric patient, 24 months of age or less; first 30-74 minutes of hands on care during transport

~~99290(X12)~~ **99467** each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service)

Inpatient Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care

~~99295(X13)~~ **99468** **Initial inpatient neonatal critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or less

~~99296(X14)~~ **99469** **Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or less

~~99293(X15)~~ **99471** **Initial inpatient pediatric critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age

~~99294(X16)~~ **99472** **Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age

☐ ~~993XX(1)~~ **99475** **Initial inpatient pediatric critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, **2-5 years 25 months through 71 months** of age

☐ ~~993XX(2)~~ **99476** **Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care**, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, **2-5 years 25 months through 71 months** of age