



Applying for CARES Act Funding & Vaccine Advocacy

Update #7 from the NYS AAP - Chapter 2 & 3

PEDIATRIC COUNCIL

Your Pediatric Council addresses billing and payment issues with insurers. We strive to facilitate better working relationships between pediatricians and health insurance plans, and to improve quality of care for children.

Dear NYS AAP - Chapter 2 Member,

Please see the three useful resources below:

Applying for CARES Act Funding

The deadline for applying for funding under the CARES Act is July 20, 2020. If you have not received funds during the first two tranches of emergency funding (which was sent to providers who have received at least some payments from Medicare in 2018 or 2019), AND if you have provided care to Medicaid and/or CHIP recipients during those same years, you may be eligible for payment equal to 2% of your TOTAL revenue for either 2018 or 2019 (not just Medicaid/CHIP revenue.) Unlike the Medicare payments, YOU MUST APPLY FOR THIS PAYMENT, and the application process is complicated, time consuming, and requires you to assemble significant amounts of documentation. Suzanne Berman, MD FAAP, Chair of the AAP's Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM), has developed a [detailed document providing guidance on applying](#). We recommend that you get started on the application process as soon as practicable, to avoid missing the deadlines.

AAP WEBINAR - Ask The Experts: Applying for the CARES Provider Relief Fund as a Pediatrician | TODAY, Wed., June 24th at 7-8pm EDT

Join AAP experts to learn about the federal financial relief available to pediatricians through the **CARES Provider Relief Fund**. The webinar will take place virtually on **Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00-8:00 pm EDT**.

After an overview of the relief funds available to pediatricians today and AAP advocacy for future support for pediatricians, experts Suzanne Berman, MD FAAP and Jill Venskytis, CMM, HITCM-PP will take you through the ins and outs of the application for the CARES Provider Relief Fund Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allotment. The webinar will include dedicated time for Q&A with participants.

A recording of the webinar will be available to AAP members if you are unable to join the live event.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Please [click here to register](#) for the webinar if you are able to attend.

If your practice manager is likely to be responsible for submitting your application to the CARES Provider Relief Fund, consider inviting that individual to register for and join the webinar as well.

SUBMIT QUESTIONS:

To help us better respond to your questions, we encourage you to send any questions that you may have to kids1st@aap.org by Wednesday, June 24th at 4 pm ET.

AAP Advocacy Document on Vaccines

The AAP has developed the Policy Paper, "[Policies to Preserve the Vaccine Delivery System for Children](#)," describing issues with the vaccine delivery system and how to address it to ensure children's access to vaccines as well as payment to pediatricians for vaccine services.

We urge members to contact their elected representatives on both a state and federal level, and to utilize the points contained in the document in your own advocacy efforts.

With our best wishes,

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Useful Info from the National AAP

There is a vast trove of useful information available from the National AAP. CEO Mark Del Monte shared information on many AAP initiatives in a recent email, available [here](#).

The Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee, chaired by Sue Kressly of PA, is dedicated to helping pediatricians address all manner of issues with insurance companies and other payers, including Medicaid. PAAC recently posted the following resources available through the National AAP:

- Payment Advocacy for Telehealth: https://downloads.aap.org/DOPA/Telehealth_2_rev.pdf
- State Notices about Telehealth in responses to COVID-19: <https://downloads.aap.org/DOCCSA/State-Telehealth-Notices.pdf>
- FAQs for Medicaid and CHIP responses to COVID-19: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf>
- Coding and Billing for Non-direct care: <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/COVID%202020.pdf>

The AAP Coding Hotline is available to answer coding questions via email at aapcodinghotline@aap.org. In addition, a recording of a webinar on Coding During the COVID-19 Pandemic is available for viewing [here](#).

The NYS AAP - CHAPTER 2 is YOUR Local AAP Chapter

The New York State American Academy of Pediatrics (NYS AAP) is comprised of three local AAP Chapters, Chapters 1, 2, and 3, who work together as a coalition.

Your Chapter, the NYS AAP - Chapter 2, has 1,600 members in 4 counties: Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk.

To learn more about Chapter 2, please view our [Member Value Flyer](#) which describes the value of Chapter membership.

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