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GMIPA MISSION:

To organize and operate a quality-driven and cost effective health care delivery system. The association consists of healthcare providers who enter into membership agreements with GMIPA to facilitate an environment that promotes healthcare practice viability.

Summary of Findings: Investigation of Acute Flaccid Myelitis in U.S. Children, 2014

Since September 2014, CDC and partners have been investigating reports of children across the United States who developed a sudden onset of weakness in one or more arms or legs with MRI scans that showed inflammation of the gray matter. From August 2 to December 18, CDC has verified reports of 102 children in 34 states who developed acute flaccid myelitis that meets CDC's [case definition](#). CDC is working with healthcare professionals and state and local health departments to investigate all the cases reported since August. CDC is also in the process of verifying one additional report. CDC and partners are working to better understand these cases of acute flaccid myelitis, including potential causes and how often the illness occurs. However, such investigations take time.

February is American Heart Month

During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as the symbol of love. February is American Heart Month, a time to educate patients about the risks for heart disease and stroke and how to stay "heart healthy" for themselves and their loved ones.

The "[28 Days to a Healthier Heart](#)" tips can inspire throughout February and all year long. - CDC.gov

ICD-10 Draws Nearer

Reminder: HHS issued a rule finalizing October 1, 2015 as the new compliance date for health care providers, health plans, and health care clearinghouses to transition to ICD-10. This deadline allows providers, insurance companies, and others in the health care industry time to ramp up their operations to ensure their systems and business processes are ready to go on October 1, 2015. The rule requires the use of ICD-10 beginning October 1, 2015. The rule also requires HIPAA covered entities to continue to use ICD-9-CM through September 30, 2015. Visit the ICD-10 website for the latest news and resources to help you prepare.

ICD-10 Official Guidelines

The [2015 ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting](#) is now available on the [2015 ICD-10-CM and GEMs](#) web page and also on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.

- Narrative changes appear in bold text
- Items underlined have been moved within the guidelines since the FY 2014 version
- Italics are used to indicate revisions to heading changes



The Biller and Coder Corner

United Healthcare Encourages Electronic Payments

Optum's Electronic Payments and Statements (EPS) is a free electronic funds transfer (EFT) and electronic remittance advice (ERA) service brought to you by UnitedHealthcare. Paper, mail and tracking fees are a major expense within the health care industry. If all payers and providers move to electronic payments and EOBs, the health care industry could save \$860 million. Currently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires new applicants to leverage electronic payments as part of their credentialing process. In support of positive industry trends, all existing and new UnitedHealthcare-contracted providers, who have not yet enrolled in EPS, must elect their preferred electronic claim payment method in 2015.

BCBS Offers Availity Webinars

BCBS uses the Availity web portal service to provide information exchange between health plans and providers. Availity participating providers can enroll in webinars and learn to submit electronic data interchange (EDI) batches using Availity's "Send and Receive EDI Files" functionality, interpret EDI reports, and set your EDI reporting preferences. View the [webinar schedule](#).

NEW GMIPA WEBSITE

The GMIPA website is getting an update. It will have several new features including a resource page with downloadable documents, current newsletters and archives and member bios and photos.

CMS Provider Enrollment Application Fee

On December 2, CMS issued a notice: Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for Calendar Year 2015 ([CMS-6056-N](#), effective January 1, 2015). This notice announces a \$553.00 CY 2015 application fee for institutional providers that are initially enrolling in the Medicare or Medicaid program or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); revalidating their Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP enrollment; or adding a new Medicare practice location. This fee is required with any enrollment application submitted on or after January 1, 2015 and on or before December 31, 2015

January is National Blood Donor Month



visit the American Association of Blood Banks at www.aabb.org



Newborn Genetic Screening Program

New Mexico Newborn Screening Program (NMNBSP) requires that all babies born in New Mexico receive screening for certain genetic, metabolic, hemoglobin and endocrine disorders. The New Mexico Newborn Screening Program offers screening for 27 disorders.

The NMNBSP provides services to over 28,000 babies and their families annually. Currently the State of New Mexico mandates two newborn screens be collected on every newborn born in New Mexico.

Links to brochures below explain how genetic tests could save a baby's life. It covers why babies need newborn screening tests, how the testing is performed, how they providers get the results, why some babies need more testing, where you can ask questions, and more.

- English: [Newborn Screening Brochure](#)
- Spanish: [Folleto Análisis de Recién Nacidos](#)

CMS is Accepting Suggestions for Potential PQRS Measures

CMS is accepting quality measure suggestions for potential inclusion in the proposed set of quality measures in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). Quality measures submitted in this Call for Measures may also be considered for use in other quality programs for eligible professionals (e.g. Medicare Shared Savings Program, etc.).

The PQRS Call for Measures will remain open indefinitely. The month that a measure is submitted for consideration will determine when it may be included on the Measures Under Consideration (MUC) list. Measures submitted prior to June 15, 2015 may be considered for inclusion on the 2015 MUC list for implementation in PQRS as early as 2017.

Become a Member

We provide infrastructure, negotiating clout for managed care contracts and a forum to discuss and promote policies that support providers while increasing the quality of services to the patients they serve. As a member of the GMIPA, you are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these benefits. All new healthcare professionals joining our organization must be certified. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.gmipa.com. If you have questions, please contact the GMIPA Administrator, Rebekka VanNess, at 575-538-2355 or email at rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com

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