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Dear Medical Staff,

The University of Nevada, Reno in collaboration with the Nevada State Health Division is offering a free resource and online training for all pediatric and family providers. Well Child Care: A Bright Futures Curriculum is an online training which provides all the materials (downloadable) and references or reminders needed for a comprehensive Well Child exam (including Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment) with free CMEs or CEUs. This program has been developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Georgetown University. The curriculum is based on AAP’s Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care, the Bright Futures guidelines, and federal EPSDT requirements.

The curriculum consists of 10 half hour modules designed for use as self directed tutorials or on-site group training sessions. The Well Child Care curriculum offers the following module topics:

- Components of the well child visit
- Communication/Anticipatory Guidance
- Developmental/behavioral assessment
- Screening and Risk Assessment
- Oral health
- Cultural sensitivity and family-centered care

The curriculum offers documentation tips to maximize claims review and reimbursement, and supplies you with an electronic toolbox with the AAP immunization schedule, CDC growth charts, AAP periodicity schedule, and behavioral assessment screens to name a few. The online curriculum includes Nevada specific resources such as Medicaid billing references, Nevada’s exam form for Healthy Kids/EPSDT, referral form for Early Intervention Services, and a fax referral for non-medical and parent support. You can take the course in multiple visits by saving your completed sessions.

By participating and completing the 10 modules you could earn CME credits through Georgetown University Hospital or CEU credits through the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies. Furthermore, you will contribute to the state training plan via voluntary review and comment. The curriculum offers the most recent pediatric health care guidelines and recommendations from the AAP and the CDC, plus Nevada-specific information.

Yours truly,

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