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Dear Chapter 2 Member,

The American Academy of Pediatrics – California, Chapter 2 has partnered with national and local experts to develop a learning collaborative that helps physicians implement streamlined quality improvement approaches for preventive care and developmental screening.

More than 23 local pediatrics and family medicine practices have participated in the Early Developmental Screening and Intervention (EDSI) Learning Collaborative between 2007 and 2009. This 10-month, interactive working group has demonstrated results in helping physicians increase practice efficiency, enhance preventive care, and improve office flow.

Beginning in March 2010, the Collaborative will offer primary care physicians the opportunity to learn from national experts and local physicians who have successfully implemented the EDSI quality improvement approach. The Collaborative will teach techniques for making and sustaining successful change in a way that improves office efficiency and saves time.

Participating practices will also receive free CME credit and free certification for meeting the new Part IV Performance in Practice requirement for Maintenance of Certification by the American Board of Pediatrics. Practices will learn from quality improvement coaches and national leaders during an in-person Learning Session as well as monthly Webinars and coaching calls. Specific benefits to practices include:

- Receiving developmental screening tools, MOC Part IV credits and CME credits at no cost
- Learning quality improvement skills that are required for future MOC
- Using a practice model that makes your day-to-day practice easier and more efficient
- Putting effective, time-saving tools and strategies into practice, while following the AAP guidelines for developmental monitoring
- Improving parent satisfaction with care and health of young children, and addressing developmental and behavioral issues effectively by increasing referral options and processes with community programs.

We will accept applications beginning **January 15, 2010**. The first coaching session will take place on **April 2-3, 2010** in downtown Los Angeles. Please review the enclosed materials for a description of the goals and expectations for participation.

If you are interested in applying, please visit our web site at www.aapca2.org or email us at Chapter2@aap-ca.org for more information. Our program staff and primary care practices that have participated in this program are available to answer any questions about what is involved and how this program can meet your specific goals.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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