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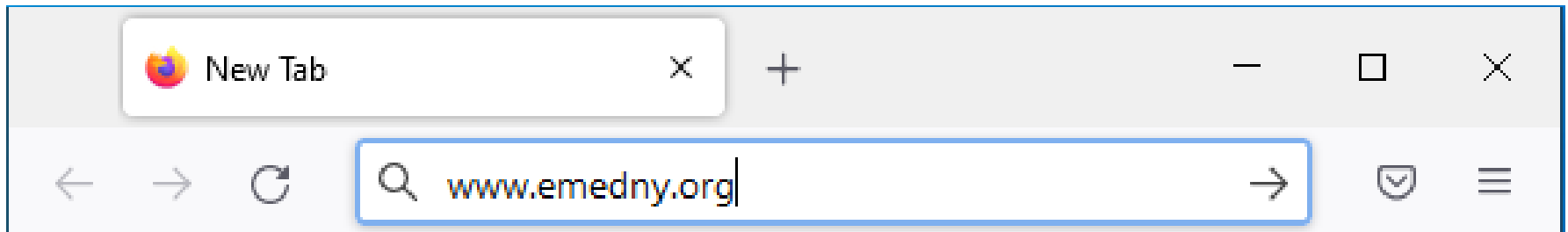
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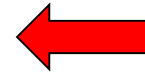
- A monthly newsletter published by the New York State Department of Health
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The screenshot shows the eMedNY.org website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'home', 'self help', 'glossary', and 'site map'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'ENHANCED BY Google'. The main navigation bar includes buttons for 'What's New', 'Information', 'Provider Enrollment', 'Provider Manuals', 'Provider Outreach and Training', 'Contacts', 'eMedNY HIPAA Support', 'eMedNY Tools Center', and 'PTAR'. A central banner features the text 'welcome to eMedNY' and a 'COMING SOON' button for the 'PROVIDER ENROLLMENT PORTAL'. Below the banner are four green buttons: 'NEW MEDICARE CARDS', 'MEDICAID MANAGED CARE NETWORK', 'PTAR', and 'REVALIDATION'. A 'Notices' section is visible, containing a notice dated March 17, 2022, regarding updated policy guidelines and procedure codes for the Hearing Aid manual, effective April 1, 2022. On the right side, there is a vertical sidebar with a red warning banner 'Are you compliant with NYSDOH EFT Requirement?' and a list of service buttons: 'Login ePACES', 'Login eXchange', 'Provider Enrollment Portal', 'Web Portal', 'Login PTAR', 'Wage Parity', 'Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)', 'Enter Facilities Practitioner's NPIs', 'eMedNY LISTSERV', 'Submitter Dashboard', 'PAXpress', and 'Medicaid Updates'.



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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the eMedNY.org website. The navigation items are: What's New, Information, Provider Enrollment, Provider Manuals (highlighted with a red arrow), Provider Outreach and Training, Contacts, eMedNY HIPAA Support, eMedNY Tools Center, and PTAR. The 'Provider Manuals' dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'Provider Manuals', 'Information for all Providers', and 'MEVS and Supplemental Documentation'. Below the navigation bar is a banner featuring a cityscape with the Statue of Liberty and the text 'welcome to eMedNY'. On the right side of the banner, there is a yellow warning box that says 'Are you compliant with NYSDOH EFT Requirement?' and three login buttons: 'Login ePACES' (with a link to 'ePACES Information'), 'Login eXchange' (with a link to 'eXchange Information'), and 'Login PTAR' (with a link to 'PTAR Information').

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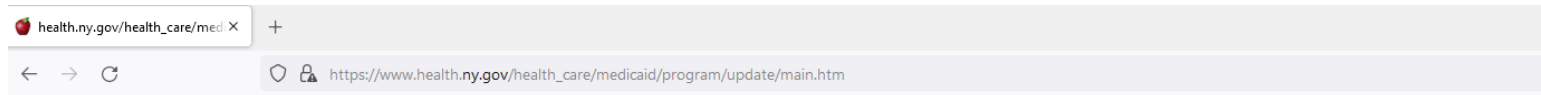
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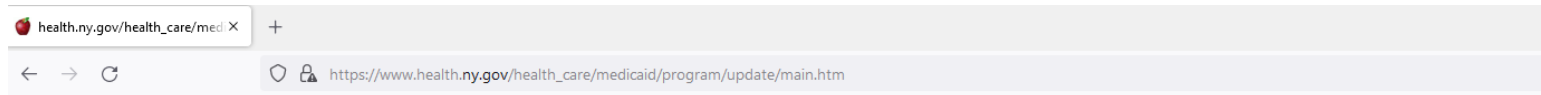
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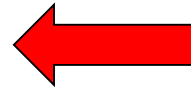
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- as a stand-alone service **when all the criteria specified in this guidance are met and documented.**
- in addition to an Evaluation and Management (E&M) or Well Child Visit **when all the criteria of the vaccine counseling visit specified in this guidance are met and documented, in addition to all necessary components of the E&M/Well Child visit.**
- whether or not a COVID-19 vaccine is administered during the encounter.
- using the Medicaid enrolled child's Client Identification Number (CIN) when counseling is provided to a parent, caregiver, or guardian for the benefit of the child, with or without the child present during the counseling session.
- **for up to four counseling visits per vaccine dose recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), when the member has not received and does not have an appointment to receive, the recommended dose, up to a total of 12 visits per member per year.**

Additional information regarding COVID-19 vaccines recommended by the CDC can be found on the CDC "Types of Vaccines Available" web page. Qualified providers may provide up to four pre-decisional counseling visits for each dose recommended by the CDC including


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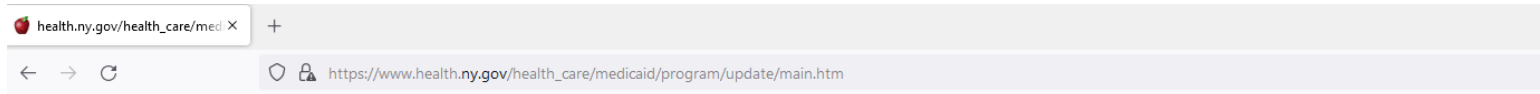
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