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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDICAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC VISION SCREENING INSTRUCTION

As you know, pediatricians and family practitioners play a critical role in preserving the vision of children. Many eye disorders of early childhood, such as amblyopia, infantile cataract, and retinoblastoma, are not apparent without appropriate testing. Early detection of these conditions leads to better outcomes. Using age-appropriate screening tests incorporated into a well child exam may help save the sight of your next patient.

To assist you in your vision screenings, the American Academy of Ophthalmology has released a very informative free forty minute e-video on pediatric vision screening instruction entitled, "Pediatric Vision Screening: Practical Techniques for Screening Children Ages Birth to Five Years." In addition to practical techniques, the presentation reviews the benefits of early detection and the treatment of some common and significant pediatric eye disorders. The program's modules can be viewed sequentially or individually. Continuing Medical Education Credit is available after completing the presentation.

The presentation is available at [http://www.aao.org/education/ped\\_vision/index.cfm](http://www.aao.org/education/ped_vision/index.cfm).

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