

**APN Billing: Increasing Access to Quality Health Care for Pediatric  
Minority Populations**

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## **Abstract**

According to "*Healthy People 2010*", barriers to access include; "financial, structural, and personal barriers". Increasing accesses to quality health care, particularly to those who are part of a minority group, would meet one of these initiatives. Advanced Practice Nurse's (APN) play an important role in increasing this access to quality care and reducing these barriers. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the APN's ability to generate revenue by capturing billable hours sufficient to off set their costs can lead to the expansion of APN practice in the orthopedic clinic.

The population of children that seek health care services at this organization make up the following payer mix; Medicaid (60%), commercial (30%), Chip (5%), and other (5%). Results from the study show that the Medicaid/Chip rates are similar when comparing the number of patients in the organization and that of the outpatient orthopedic clinic. The hospital already receives reimbursement for inpatient services from Medicaid based on a percentage of APN services.

The risk analysis presents a discussion of the strengths, weaknesses, and possible risks to the project. Solutions to these risks along with their implications for practice are offered.