

**SHOCK AND HYPOTENSION (# 7309)**

- **Pediatric Routine Medical Care**
- **NOTE:** Shock in children may be subtle and hard to recognize. Determining B/P may be difficult and readings may be inaccurate.
- **IMPORTANT SIGNS OF SHOCK:**
  - ✓ Cool, clammy, mottled skin
  - ✓ Pallor - due to decreased skin perfusion
  - ✓ Altered level of consciousness - due to decreased perfusion to the brain
  - ✓ B/P < 70 systolic
- **Initiate early transport and treat enroute, if appropriate**
  - ✓ Go to Trauma Patient Care (policy # 7101) if trauma suspected.
  - ✓ Go to Allergic Reaction (policy # 7305) if anaphylaxis suspected.
- **Use a length-based resuscitation tape to determine pediatric drug doses and fluid bolus.**  
(Shown underlined on the algorithm)

