Caring for Patients and Pediatricians in a Post-Pandemic Landscape

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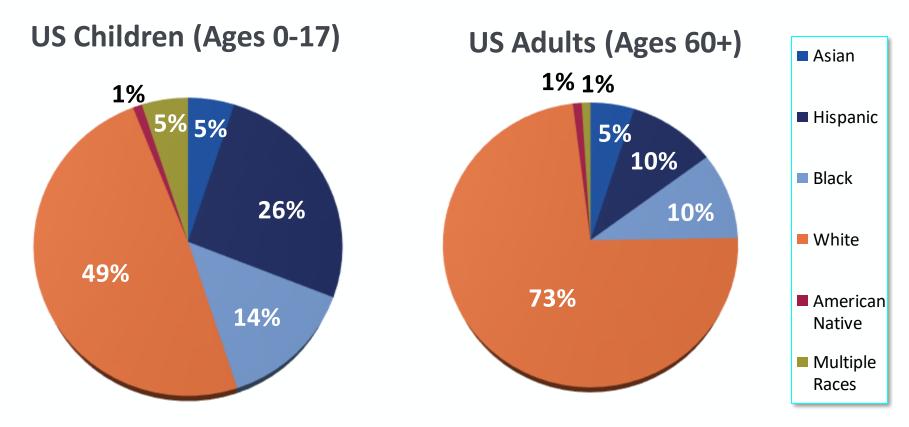




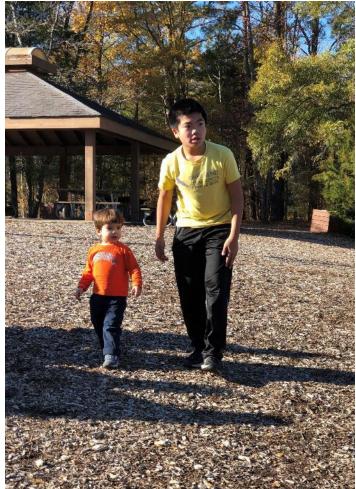




Reported Race & Ethnicity of US Population, 2021







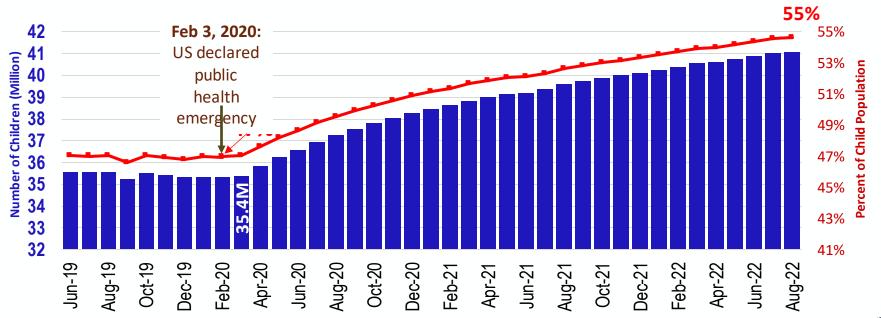


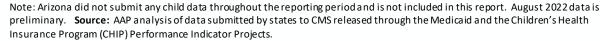




Medicaid/CHIP Child Enrollment Trend June 2019 – August 2022

Number and Percent of US Children Enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP Before and Since the COVID-19 Pandemic



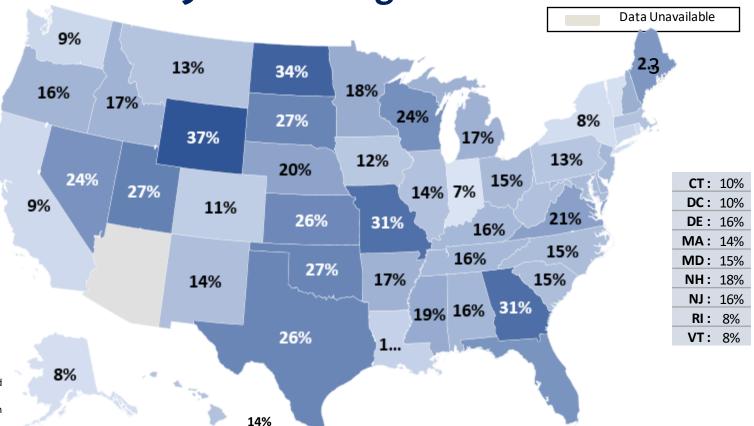




Change in State Medicaid/CHIP Child Enrollment, February 2020 – August 2022

- Enrollment increases varied from 7% in Indiana to 37% in Wyoming from February 2020 to August 2022.
- 27 states had increases of over 15% during this period.

Source: AAP analysis of data submitted by states to CMS released through the Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Performance Indicator Projects.

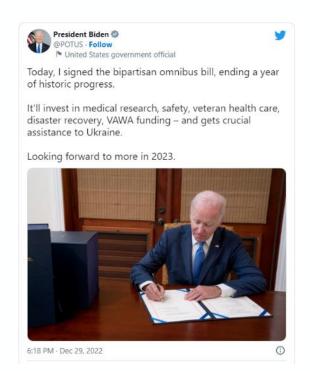


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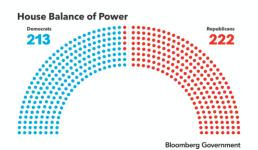
Year-End Legislation and New Congress

\$1.7 trillion package including FY 2023 appropriations



Senate Balance of Power for New Congress Democrats Republicans* 49

Note: Light pink reflects Alaska race where one of two Republicans likely to win; yellow indicates independents who causes



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McCarthy claims speakership on 15th ballot

The victory marks the pinnaele of the California Republican's time in Congress since he arrived in 2007.



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CONGRESS



Medicaid and CHIP wins!

- Nationwide 12-month continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid and CHIP
- Permanent 12-month postpartum coverage state option in Medicaid and CHIP
- 2-year extension of CHIP funding, now due for reauthorization in 2029



The Unwinding: Starting April 1

State context:

- Omnibus policy changes
- State plans to operationalize
- Focus on enrollees updating contact information and planning to renew

Coming (very!) soon:

- Advocacy Action Guide on Omnibus Unwinding changes
- January State Advocacy Webinar on Unwinding

THE UNWINDING: IMPORTANT 2022 OMNIBUS POLICY CHANGES

NEW SAFEGUARDS AS THE UNWINDING BEGINS APRIL 1, 2023

Advocacy Action Guide for AAP Chapters

Overview

The continuous coverage requirement of the Families First Corol wirus Relief Act (FFCRA) required states to maintain coverage of anyone enrolled in Medicaid or a Medicaid-et po rison Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) since the law's enactment on March 18, 2020. In excha 182 the ederal government raised the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP, or federal match) on state Medicaid spending by 6.2 percentage points; this federal spending bump had been set to end on the last day of the quatter of the calendar month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ends. Under previous guidance, the Centers for Medicaic and Medicaid Services (CMS) gave states 12 months to begin (and 14 months total to complete) eligibility redeterminations for all Medicaid enrollees during the subsequent "Unwinding" period, following the end of the PHE. The 2022 omnibus spending package (H.R. 2612), however, now makes important policy changes to the Unwinding, including:

- Ending the continuous coverage requirement such that states may start the process of redeterminations and disenrolling individuals on April 1, 2023
- Delinking the federal FMAP increase from the end of the PHE, but extending and phasing it down
- Tying this extended FMAP funding to a new maintenance of effort (MOE) for states
- Codifying that states can take up to 1 year to begin redeterminations
- Requiring new state transparency and data reporting
- Giving CMS new authority to enforce Unwinding procedures

This document summarizes these important changes and highlights opportunities for state advocacy to maximize coverage retention (for more on the Unwinding generally, please see our previous <u>Advocacy Action Guide</u>).



Advocacy on RSV/Flu/COVID Surge

- Tamiflu released from the Strategic
 National Stockpile and states now
 permitted to use state stockpiles of Tamiflu
- National Disaster Medical System team deployed to UNM Children's on Dec. 30
- Continued engagement with FDA on drug and device shortages
- Secretary Becerra roundtables and new communications from HHS on RSV and flu



White House Meeting on Vaccine Commercialization

Meeting with Ashish Jha, MD White House COVID Coordinator

Topics Discussed:

Single-dose vials
Vaccine payment
Vaccine counseling
Messaging
Vaccines for Children (VFC)
Low COVID vaccine rates in children





Advancing Pediatrics





Population Health--Data

- Consistent
- High quality
- Meaningful
- Actionable





Population Health--Access

Reduce barriers to care

Telehealth increased dramatically among primary care pediatricians

Before COVID-19

85% of primary care pediatricians never used telehealth

During COVID-19

77% of primary care pediatricians used telehealth often



Meaningful Access: Beyond Telehealth – Equity and Disparities



- Identify disparities
- Look beyond the numbers
- Social determinants of health



Population Health—Payment Models

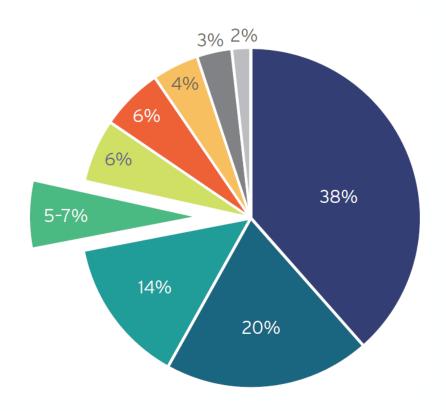
Pediatric Primary Care and Pediatric Subspeciality Care

- Short-term ROI is not the focus
- Upstream prevention produces value in savings to society (Education, Justice, Labor/Economy, Medicare, etc)
- Shared Savings in children's health is not the opportunity. For example, 5% of children account for 50% of Medicaid spending (Berry et al, 2014)
- Partnerships among health care providers, health care systems, and state and community agencies
- Integration of behavioral health and social services in primary and subspecialty care settings



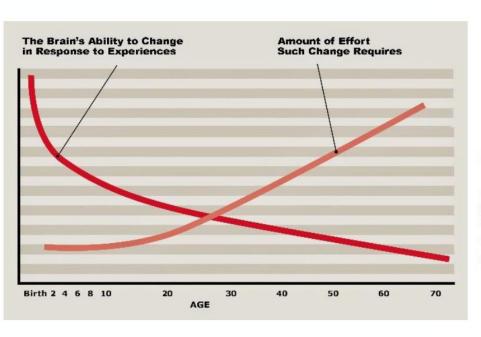
Payment for Primary Care

- Hospital care
- All other physician and professional services
- Prescription drugs and other medical nondurables
- Primary care
- Nursing home care
- Other health, residential, and personal care
- Dental services
- Home health care
- Medical durables





Paying for Pediatrics is an INVESTMENT in our Nation's Future



 Programs targeted towards the earliest years Investment in Human Capital ◆ Preschool programs Rate of Return to ■ Schooling Job training 0-3 School Post-School

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University

Rate of return on investment (Heckman(2008))





- Core Team
- Extended Health Care Team
- Extended Community Care Team

NASEM Implementing High Quality Primary Care, 2021



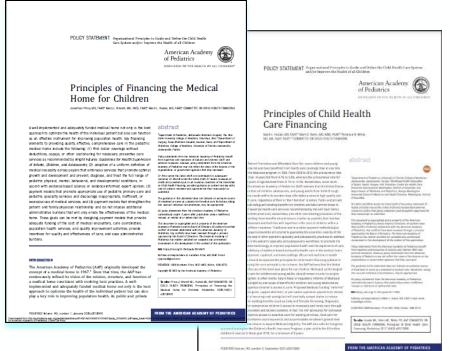


Value-based Payment Reform Must:

- Address early childhood adversity and social determinants and include appropriate metrics and data collection, with attention to racial and other disparities in health outcomes
- Consider risk stratification that accounts for medical complexity as well as parental and social complexity
- Create validated predictive risk algorithms for children, construct "high-risk" lists for pediatric care coordination, and ensure adequate payment for such services
- Include **payment for telehealth** and other new technologies that facilitate care management in the medical home without an in-person encounter



High Quality Primary Care: Payment Transformation



- Public and private (esp. Medicaid/CHIP)
- Universal coverage
- Life course and population health-focused
- Comprehensive care incl. care coordination
- Adequate provider payment
- Strengthen medical home
- Quality
- Promoting equity



Current Activities: Payment Transformation

- Engage payers
 - Proactive and responsive to payer policy reviews
 - Member (primary and subspecialists)
 communication and assistance
 - Educate payers about unique child focused policy needs
- Convene national experts around Medicaid transformation innovation at a summit this spring

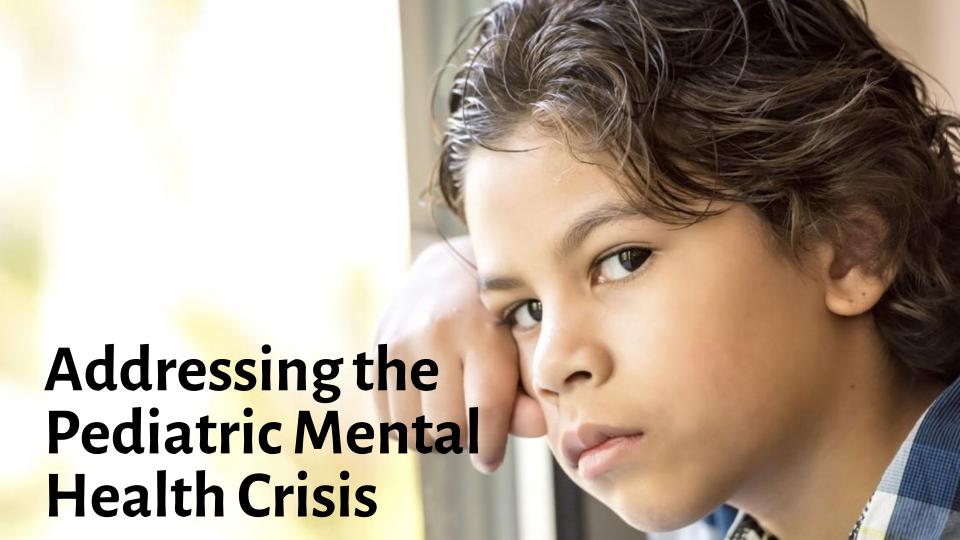




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- Identify practice management/administrative structures and payment mechanisms that add value and quality
- Work with Federal and State Advocacy to recommend strategies for payment
- Engage with CHILD registry team to align quality and registry work to drive indicators of value and quality in primary care

















Declaring a National Emergency in Child and Adolescent Mental Health – One Year Later



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News Release

Health Organizations Urge the Biden Administration to Declare a Federal National Emergency in Children's Mental Health

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@AAPPres

As pediatricians, we recognize that the current crisis makes promoting mental health a necessity for all kids and teens. By declaring the mental health crisis a national emergency, our federal government can help mobilize resources and activities to address children's needs.

We, along with @AACAP and @hospitals4kids, wrote today to the @WhiteHouse, urging they declare a national emergency in children and teens' mental health, which we did one year ago. 134 organizations joined us in our letter. bit.ly/3TkxtrD

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Roll Call

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Youth mental health advocates renew calls for action

More than 130 national and state children's groups call for the Biden administration to declare youth mental health an emergency

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY? — A group of more than 130 national and state youth health groups asked the White House to issue a national emergency declaration over the poor mental health of children and teens throughout the country.

The groups, including the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association, said an emergency declaration would protect current access and help expand access in the future.

"Suicide is increasing for children and teens at alarming rates — especially for Black boys and girls under age 12 — and is now the leading cause of death for Asian American youth and the second leading cause of death for young people nationally," the groups said, noting they were thankful the administration and Congress had taken some action. "Emergency department visits for suspected youth suicide attempts have increased dramatically and those for eating disorders have doubled during the pandemic."



What if instead of relying on children to be resilient. we create a world that is less traumatic.





AAP to Launch New Center of Excellence on Social Media and Youth Mental Health

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Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will allow AAP to create a healthier digital ecosystem for children and youth



SAMHSA

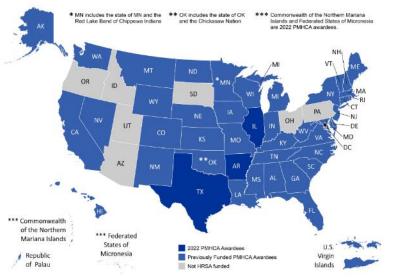
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration





Self-harm is a really asking friend Self-harm is a really complex behavior,





Mental Health Advocacy

- Reauthorization and additional \$80 million in funding for the HRSA Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program included in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline July 2022 fully operational for phone, text, and chat
- AAP-Led Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition received additional funding support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation
- \$1.5 million CDC grant to AAP for a National Center for Relational Health and Trauma Informed Care that will build the capacity of pediatricians to provide RH and TIC care to millions of children
- AAP received \$1.7M of funding from HRSA/MCHB to provide technical assistance to the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program to support pediatric primary care providers in addressing the growing mental/behavioral health needs among children and adolescents
- AAP received \$1.3M in funding to partner with the American
 Foundation for Suicide Prevention to implement the Blueprint for
 Youth Suicide Prevention
- AAP-Casey Family Programs Youth Mental Health Summit at HHS featuring 5 AAP chapter leaders





Leading Health Care Organizations Urge Action to Protect Physicians, Hospitals, Patients and Families from Violence



"...we cannot stand by as threats of violence against our members and their patients proliferate with little consequence. We call on the Department of Justice to investigate these attacks and social media platforms to reduce the spread of the misinformation enabling them."



The expectation that we can be immersed in suffering and loss daily and not be touched by it is as unrealistic as expecting to be able to walk through water without getting wet." (Remen, 1996)

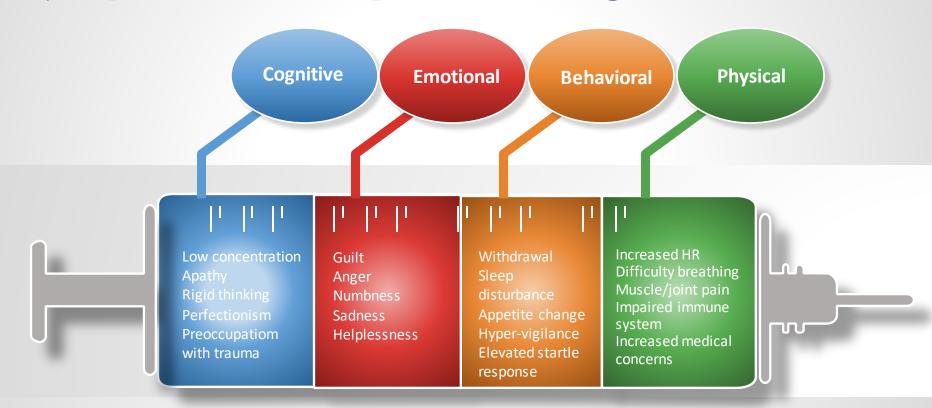


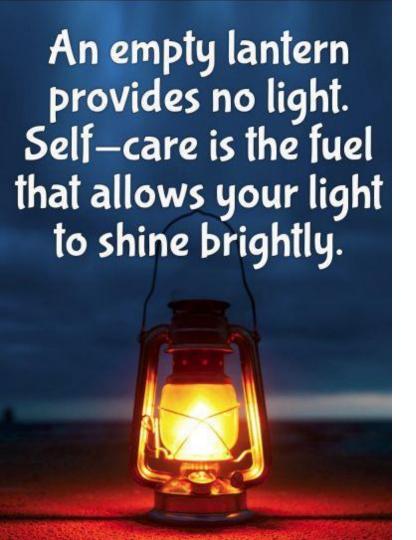
Compassion Fatigue

"A combination of physical, emotional, and spiritual depletion associated with caring for patients in significant emotional pain and physical distress."



Symptoms of Compassion Fatigue





When you are emotionally healthy and in control, you can sit with others who need time and space to heal. So, fill your lantern first so your light can shine and be a help to others!





Why we do what we do...

- Compassion
- Satisfaction
- Vicarious transformation





Vicarious Resilience

Involves the process of learning about overcoming adversity from the trauma survivor and the resulting positive transformation and empowerment through their empathy and interaction.

(Hernandez, Gangsei, and Engstrom, 2007)

How Does Vicarious Resilience Feel?

- Greater perspective and appreciation of own problems
- More optimistic, motivated, efficacious, and reenergized
- Increased sense of hope, understanding, and belief in the possibility of recovery from trauma and serious challenges
- Profound sense of commitment to, and finding meaning from the work



Take charge of your mindset

No one can make you think or feel anything. Only you can do that, so maintain the mindset you prefer.













Reframe

Reimagine

Rejuvenate







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