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Press Statement

on

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE PASSAGE OF AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT

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“The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which represents 60,000 pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and surgical specialists, praises the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee for its vote today on H.R. 3200, America’s Affordable Health Choices Act, and applauds all three House Committees for their continued and steadfast work in the effort to pass significant health care reform.

“The Academy continues to support the process of bringing comprehensive health care reform to America’s children. While there is still work to be done, H.R. 3200 makes significant progress in achieving the Academy’s priorities of covering all children in the United States, providing children with age-appropriate benefits in a medical home, and establishing appropriate payment rates to guarantee children have access to covered services.

“AAP commends U.S. House leadership, the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Education and Labor Committee and the Ways and Means Committee on their commitment to reforming our overburdened health system, specifically their attention to the fact that children need different services. The committees have acknowledged that if children have access to comprehensive health services, many of the expensive morbidities of adulthood can be prevented, thus achieving President Obama’s vision to invest in our future and bend the cost curve.

“The Tri-Committee has put the health of our country first with the movement of this legislation, and the Energy and Commerce Committee vote today is an investment in the future of this country. We urge the House Rules Committee to act swiftly and decisively following the August recess to incorporate the best provisions for children from each of the Committees, so that America’s children can soon reap the benefits of health care reform.”

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