

AAP Endorsed Principles on Access*

1. Every child must have quality health insurance.
2. Quality health insurance should be a right, regardless of income, for every child, pregnant woman, their families, and ultimately all individuals.
3. Children should have a comprehensive age appropriate benefits package directed to the special needs of the pediatric population as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).
4. Every child should receive care in a medical home with a primary care pediatrician, and access to pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, pediatric mental and dental professionals, and hospitals with appropriate pediatric expertise.
5. Payment rates must assure that children receive all recommended and needed services.

* The concept of quality health insurance includes portability, continuous coverage, streamlined and simplified administrative aspects, choice of clinician(s), and coordination with existing maternal and child health programs to ensure maximum health benefits to families.