The AAP is pleased to announce the release of a new resource looking at Medicaid accountable care organization (ACO) activity across the country, with a special focus on pediatrics.

The AAP has collaborated with Leavitt Partners, LLC, a national health care business intelligence firm, to gain cutting edge information on ACOs and related developments as ACOs gain traction across the US. As part of this work, Leavitt Partners recently concluded a scan of Medicaid ACO developments in 8 states (AL, AR, CO, MA, NC, OH, OR, VT), Medicaid ACO Pediatric Quality Measures and Innovative Payment Models. This document examines the scope of Medicaid-focused ACO activity in the 8 states, including key insights on Medicaid ACO designs, payment reforms, pediatric-focused metrics used in quality measurement and reporting, as well as available results of ACO implementation.

Chapter Guidance
States continue to be the true laboratories of health reform as they design and test new models of health care delivery and payment. Often propelled by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) State Innovation Model (SIM) grants, Medicaid programs are the common locus of this system change at the state level.

The AAP Division of State Government Affairs is tracking these efforts across the country and has created www.aap.org/SystemTransformation to provide more information and resources to chapters on state system transformation efforts. AAP chapters are encouraged to use this new Medicaid ACO resource, as well as a new summary report of the May 2015 AAP convening of pediatric ACOs across the country, in ongoing state system transformation work.

The Academy will continue to update www.aap.org/SystemTransformation with new information and resources as they become available and as states continue to examine ACOs and other models of system transformation across the country. AAP chapters are encouraged to share additional state transformation resources, and those seeking consultation on state system transformation efforts can contact Dan Walter at 847-434-4086 or dwalter@aap.org or Wendy Chill at 847-434-7797 or wchill@aap.org.

The Division of State Government Affairs sends this update to the AAP Executive Committee, District Chairpersons, District Vice Chairpersons, Chapter Presidents, Chapter Vice Presidents, Executive Directors, State Government Affairs Contacts, and other key AAP leaders, members, and staff.