COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS

EXHIBIT A
Area of Expertise

The Council’s area of expertise includes equitable disaster planning and management for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults throughout all disaster phases, such as preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. Hereafter, infants, children, adolescents and young adults will be referred to as children and the various disaster phases (preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery) will be described as the disaster spectrum.

EXHIBIT B
Objectives

In addition to the general objectives of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as set forth in its Constitution, the objectives of this Council shall be to:

Section 1. Improve the care of children by:

A. Maintaining a strong connection with federal advisory committees/agencies to enhance planning and care for children in disasters and ensuring that children’s issues are addressed in federal documents, regulations, and legislation.

B. Advancing equity and addressing inequities in the management of disasters at federal, state, or other levels as it relates to children, especially those of communities or backgrounds that may be historically marginalized or disadvantaged, or otherwise disproportionately affected by a specific disaster or environmental conditions related to disasters.

C. Providing an educational forum for the discussion of the unique physical, mental, behavioral, developmental, communication, therapeutic, and social needs of children that must be addressed and met in all aspects of the disaster spectrum.

D. Stimulating research in, and the teaching of, appropriate care for children in a disaster, public health emergency, or crisis.

E. Disseminating knowledge of pediatric contributions to improving the care of children throughout the disaster spectrum through Academy channels to the medical and public health profession at large.

Section 2. Serve in a consulting capacity to the AAP Board of Directors and to make recommendations for advocacy strategies, programs, policy statements, and other actions across the disaster spectrum that affect children and families.

Section 3. Stimulate programs for the education of members and others who might care for children during or after a disaster to ensure appropriate care for children in a disaster, public health emergency, or crisis.
Section 4. Foster and support training of members interested in pursuing professional activities in disaster medicine.

Section 5. Maintain liaisons and partnerships with entities internal and external to the Academy that have significant mutually inclusive goals.

Section 6. Improve the ability of the AAP and its chapters to continue operations and address the personal and professional needs of members and the children/families they care for before, during, and after disasters.

EXHIBIT C
Qualifications for Council Membership

A. Existing Academy Members

Membership shall consist of Fellows, Specialty Fellows, Corresponding Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Candidate Members, Resident Members, Fellowship Trainee Members, Medical Student Members, Associate Members, National Affiliates, Senior Members and International Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics, who are interested in contributing towards the objectives of the Council.

B. Council Affiliate Members

The Council may recruit affiliate members who are licensed physicians, allied health professionals, child health professionals, emergency responders, community leaders, or others who are not eligible for membership in the Academy and 1) have a college degree or relevant certification, 2) hold a professional role in some aspect of disaster management, 3) are interested in contributing towards the objectives of the Council, and 4) practice or work in the United States or Canada. Affiliate members may not vote or hold office, yet they may participate in Council committees, subcommittees, and work groups as appropriate.

C. International Affiliate Members

Physicians who practice medicine in another country will be eligible for international affiliate membership and will be considered on an individual basis by the Council Executive Committee. International affiliate members may not vote or hold office.

With the application for membership, an affiliate member candidate must submit:
1. A copy of their current license, degree, or certification
2. Letter or e-mail from a member or professional who can confirm their relevant professional role
3. Curriculum Vitae

Through submission of an application to join this Council, members agree to express an interest in and commitment to enhancing their own ability and the ability of others to improve pediatric disaster preparedness and recovery through development of collaborations and sharing of experiences, strategies, successes, and failures.
**EXHIBIT D**

*Governance*

**Section 1.** Governance. The governing body of the Council shall be comprised of 11 members of the Council appointed by the AAP Board of Directors to include a Chairperson and 10 Council Executive Committee members and shall be called the Council Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** Appointment of Council Executive Committee and Term Limits

A. Appointment of Council Executive Committee Members. Members who are interested in serving on the Executive Committee of the Council shall a) be an existing member of the Council, b) apply through the AAP Committee Appointment Process, and c) be appointed by the AAP Board of Directors to serve one 2-year term, which is renewable for 2 additional 2-year appointments up to a maximum of 6 years based on Chairperson approval and appointment by the AAP Board of Directors.

B. Appointment of Council Chairperson. A Council member who is appointed to serve as the Council Executive Committee Chairperson will serve an initial term of 1 year and may elect to be considered for 3 additional 1-year appointments up to a maximum of 4 years.

C. The Council Executive Committee may identify a Vice-Chairperson. This member shall be nominated from within the current Executive Committee by majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee by mail or electronic ballot. This member would serve for up to a 2-year term and could then be considered for appointment by the AAP Board of Directors (along with other Council members who apply through the Committee Nominating Process to serve as the Council Executive Committee Chairperson).

Members may not serve on the Council Executive Committee for more than 10 years total.

**Section 4.** Committees, Subcommittees, and Working Groups

The Chairperson in consultation with the Executive Committee may create standing or special committees, subcommittees, and working groups. These groups may have various durations.

**DUES**

The AAP Council on Children and Disasters will charge Council dues in the amount of $0 per year for medical students, residents, and post-residency trainees; $60 for affiliate members, and $30 per year for all other member categories to support special projects and activities of the Council.

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