



## AAP Access Principles

### AAP Endorsed Principles on Access\*

- 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.
- Quality health care is a right, regardless of income, for all children, their families, pregnant women, and ultimately all individuals.
- Every child must have quality health insurance.\*
- All health insurance plans 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).
- All health plans should have payment rates that 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), affordability for families, and coordination with existing maternal and child health programs*