



**Florida Chapter of the
American Academy of Pediatrics**
INCORPORATED IN FLORIDA

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: PEDIATRIC COUNCIL

FCAAP's Pediatric Council is a group of pediatricians working with insurance plans to help foster enhanced communication between payors and pediatricians in Florida. Our Pediatric Council serves as a forum to work to: identify issues; discuss the impact of managed care policies and practices on the provision of pediatric care, as well as the cost of care; share ideas for cost savings, improving access to care, improving HEDIS scores, improving quality of care; and, working towards the resolution of issues between pediatricians and payers. Our goal is to work with payers to provide the highest quality care in the most cost-effective manner for the subscribers.

The Pediatric Council focuses on key concepts to facilitate understanding and develop a common ground to work from on quality and cost effectiveness. We will incorporate the AAP Bright Futures recommendations as well as patient centered medical home concepts: addressing and integrating high quality health promotion, acute care and chronic condition management in a planned, coordinated, and family-centered manner. The council will allow medical directors and pediatricians to outline pediatric health maintenance goals for HEDIS measures with possible topics being:

- Well child preventative care
- Improving vaccination rates in children and adolescents
- Encouraging dental care for children
- Working towards achieving patient-centered medical/behavioral homes
- Screening and treatment of mental health problems in children and adolescents
- Recognizing and developing strategies to treat obesity
- Following health maintenance guidelines for diagnosing and treating asthma
- Following health supervision guidelines for children with special healthcare needs
- Keeping children out of expensive urgent care and emergency rooms
- Avoiding pediatric readmissions

The intent of the Pediatric Council is to identify, inform and educate on issues impacting the delivery of pediatric services and to enhance quality of care. It is not a forum for joint contract negotiation, individual contract discussion, or other fee-related concerns. We will work with representatives from each health plan in Florida to provide an excellent opportunity to address health care issues of their insured children and to build on the health plans' existing relationships with pediatricians.

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