

AAP PRESIDENT HAS MESSAGE TO PEDIATRICIANS ABOUT ACA RESOURCES

Starting on Oct. 1, 2013, as part of Affordable Care Act implementation, a six-month open enrollment period begins for individuals and families to sign up for health insurance in the new marketplaces (formerly known as exchanges) in every state. The marketplaces will allow millions of people to compare options and choose which type of insurance plan will work best for their family. Public health insurance programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program are still available before, during and after open enrollment, and one streamlined application will make it easier for people to find out which plan will best meet their needs.

The AAP has developed new, [state-specific resources](#) to help pediatricians and parents understand how to navigate the new health insurance marketplace and find the most appropriate health insurance plan for their families and employees.

New Resources To Share With Parents In Your Practice

As we get closer to Oct. 1, your patients and families may have questions about what open enrollment means for them, or how to find the right plan for their family. If they are insured, they may evaluate their current plan and come to you with questions about how to make sure the plan includes the right services.

With some states opting to expand Medicaid to cover even more adults, and with new options to make private insurance more affordable for those who need it, there will also be more options than ever before for uninsured parents to access health care coverage. And strong evidence demonstrates that children are healthier when their parents have health insurance.

On www.aap.org/ACAmarketplace, you will find an [interactive map with state-specific, printable flyers for you to share with parents](#) about what open enrollment means for them and how to navigate the marketplace. Please feel free to share these with parents in your offices and clinics.

On www.healthychildren.org/ACAmarketplace, parents will find even more information about open enrollment, including basic information about health insurance.

New Resources For Pediatrician Small Business Owners

The Affordable Care Act also provides health insurance coverage options for small business owners, including many pediatric practices. We have developed a new [fact sheet](#) to help pediatrician small business owners understand their options for covering their employees. State-specific versions and additional resources can also be found on www.aap.org/ACAmarketplace.

Where To Go From Here

We as pediatricians have a unique opportunity to invest some time helping our patients and their families understand the Affordable Care Act, which will pay extraordinary dividends in improving their access to care and overall health. As you see patients this summer and fall leading up to open enrollment on October 1, I hope you will use these new resources to encourage parents to learn more about health insurance options for their families. I also wrote a [letter](#) in this month's AAP News about why pediatricians are involved in this effort and what you can expect from the Academy moving forward.

(Read the remainder of Dr. McInerny's Letter on Page 2)

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(Dr. McInerny's Letter continued from Page 1):

When the Affordable Care Act was first passed in 2010, 2014 seemed so far away. In the nearly three and a half years since the law was passed, we've come a long way toward improving health care for children and families: children with pre-existing conditions are guaranteed health care coverage, preventive services are covered at no out-of-pocket cost to families, young adults can remain on their parents' plans until they turn 26, and the list goes on. As we approach one of the law's most significant changes to our health care system, it is now up to us as pediatricians to pave the way forward for children and make sure that families have what they need from their health insurance.

Thank you for helping us get there.

Sincerely,

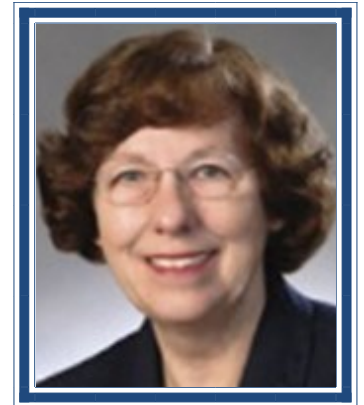


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NEWS FROM AAP DISTRICT V



By Marilyn J. Bull, M.D. FAAP & AAP District V

CONFUSION REIGNS ... AND HOW THE PEDIATRICIAN CAN HELP

The parents of patients in my office in recent weeks frequently express great concern, bewilderment, frustration and distress about the changes in health insurance coverage that is emerging this fall. Media hype laced with information and misinformation adds fuel to the fire daily. The mother of a patient with complex chronic medical needs today stated, "My mother's tax advisor told me that unless I buy health insurance for myself, my child can no longer be covered by Medicaid".

Indeed the issues are complex and vary from state to state but mothers like my patient do not know where to turn. Appropriately, they turn to their most trusted source, their pediatrician, and I suspect you are receiving inquiries frequently as well. Few of us are experts on this topic but it is essential that we know where to direct parents for help.

Our AAP Chapters can help by discerning the details at a state level and hopefully that will happen for everyone as the still developing process unravels in the weeks ahead.

(Read More of Dr. Bull's Article on page 3)

Confusion (con't)

The AAP Department of State Government Affairs is diligently working to ensure state chapters have the counsel they need to ensure the needs of all children are addressed in the process.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has scheduled a series of stakeholder conference calls for states with federally facilitate exchanges or state partnership exchanges that are also referred to as “marketplaces”. The calls are state specific and require registration that can be accessed at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/>.

Two federal web sites of which you should be aware include:

www.HealthCare.gov has information for consumers on application, enrollment, plans, and more.

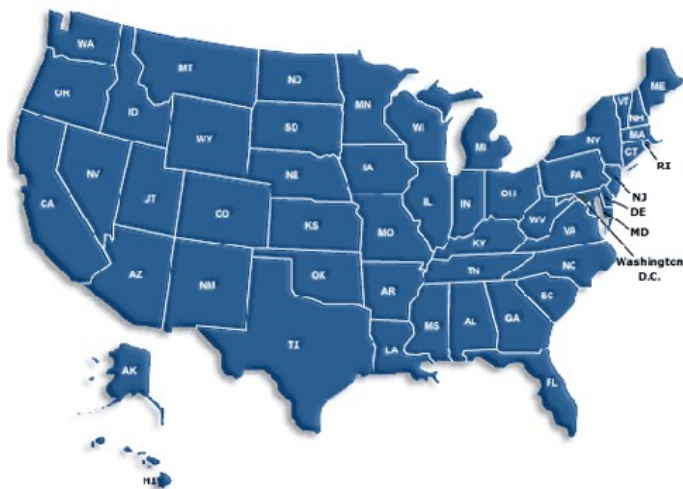
<http://marketplace.cms.gov/> has PR materials, graphics, logos, and more that you can use for your educational materials.

Our responsibility as pediatricians is to advocate for children and their families as the process develops from state to state to ensure the needs of children are incorporated wherever possible and every chapter is very involved. You can also stay current by following progress on the State Government Affairs Pages at MyAAP.

Confusion reigns but we can help provide calm by directing our patients to the appropriate resources. Seek the help needed from the resources above and your state chapter. Order will eventually emerge and we can be a positive force in the process.

Best wishes in the weeks ahead!

Marilyn Bull, MD FAAP
District V Chair



[AAP Is Providing State Specific Resources](#)

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Morris Green, M.D. Passes

Dr. Morris Green, of North Potomac, Maryland, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

Morris Green, MD FAAP, 1922-2013 was a giant in pediatrics and friend of children around the world. Dr. Green was a nationally renowned behavioral pediatrician and inspiring educator.

He served as the Perry Lesh Professor of Pediatrics at Indiana University where he was Chairman of Pediatrics from 1967-1988. During his over 50 years of service to Riley Hospital for Children, Dr. Green was recognized as a mentor of pediatricians and a visionary physician who framed the practice of pediatrics in the context of the child and the family.

Dr. Green also contributed his talents generously to the American Academy of Pediatrics where he served on several committees and sections and as a District alternate chair. He was well known at the AAP as editor of the first edition of Bright Futures.

He was the beloved husband of Janice Gorton Green; devoted father of David, Alan (Corie), Carolyn (Seth), Susan (Michael), Marcia, and Sylvia; and loving grandfather of Daniel, Benjamin, Madeline, Riley, Cameron, Sarah, and Samuel.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 11, 2013, in Indianapolis.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the **Morris Green Scholars Program; Morris Green Scholars Fund c/o Riley Hospital for Children**, 705 Riley Hospital Drive, Room 5900, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Or to fund a commemorative brick in Dr. Green's name at the American Academy of Pediatrics through an unrestricted donation to the Friends of Children Fund: AAP Friends of Children Fund, Development Lockbox, 38367 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1383; please note Dr. Green Memorial in the check's memo.



Morris Green, MD, FAAP

Born: May 27, 1922

Died: August 6, 2013

Contributions in honor of Dr. Green may be made to either:

1. **Morris Green Scholars Fund @ Riley Hospital;**

or

2. **AAP Commemorative Brick**

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Adolescent Reproductive Health Webinar Series: Focus on Indiana

A webinar Series focusing on adolescent reproductive health is being offered beginning this fall. The webinar series is presented as a collaboration between the NYC STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (NYC PTC), Health Care Education and Training (HCET), and the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (IN AAP).

The target audience includes clinical providers such as physicians, physician assistants, nurses and nurse practitioners. The webinars will be offered once a month starting October 1, 2013, and will be held from 12 – 1PM EST.

INAAP's Mary Ott, MD has been instrumental in developing and planning these webinars for Indiana's health care providers.

Exact dates are to be determined. For more information, please visit:
http://www.nycptc.org/IN_Adol_webinars.html

WEBINAR TOPICS:

Consent, Confidentiality and Youth Friendly Services

Presented by Dr. Mary Ott and Dr. Marcia Shew
Date: October 1, 2013

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Updates

Presented by Dr. Bree Weaver
Date: TBD

Providing Primary Care to GLBT Youth

Presented by Dr. Mary Ott and Dr. Bree Weaver
Date: TBD

Combined Contraceptives and Medical Uses

Presented by Dr. Cindy Robbins and Dr. Becky Williams
Date: TBD

Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARCs) and Emergency Contraception

Presented by Dr. Cindy Robbins and Dr. Becky Williams
Date: TBD

Car Seat Resources

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children ages 14 and under, more than 1,400 child occupants died in 2005. Furthermore, more than 203,000 children ages 14 and under were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2005.

On an average day, four children under the age of 14 are killed, and approximately 600 are injured in motor vehicle crashes here in the United States. In Indiana, over 5,000 child injuries occurred in motor vehicle collisions in 2007, 49 of which were fatal.

As a busy pediatrician, do you feel you need help with the latest car seat recommendations? If so, please [click here](#) to refer your families for help with child passenger safety questions.

And for resources regarding the safe transportation of children with special health care needs, please [click here](#).



Upcoming Regional Summit:

Improving Indiana's Immunization Rates through Meaningful Use and PCMH: How Meaningful Use and PCMH Improve Accountability of Care and Immunization Rates

Sponsored by: Health Care Excel and Indiana Immunization Coalition, Inc.

- * Overview of Meaningful Use (MU) and Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
- * How MU and PCMH can Improve Immunization Rates and Utilization of CHIRP
- * Success Stories from the field - Panel Discussion

Central Indiana Location: Fishers Public Library - Sept. 25th - Registration at 9:30a; Program 10a - 4p

Southern Indiana Location: French Lick Resort - Sept. 26th - Registration at 8:30a; Program 9a - 3p

Northern Indiana Locations:

Manchester University, Fort Wayne Campus, Fort Wayne - Oct. 2nd - Registration at 8:30a; Program 9a - 3p

Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth - Oct. 3rd - Registration at 8:30a; Program 9a - 3p

Opportunities for Scholarships, Exhibitors and Sponsors are Available!

[PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION](#)

[EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION](#)

INAAP's Social Media Presence

Did you know that INAAP is working to build its presence on Social Media? We have both a Facebook page and a Twitter feed.

You can "Like" our Facebook page by [clicking here](#).

And you can follow our Twitter feeds [@IndPeds](#)

In addition to pediatrician followers, we also have parents, patients and interested parties. So, we try to post items that are of interest to both our members and others who are interested in children's health issues. Check us out, and share our information with your colleagues and friends!

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