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# South Carolina Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## SCAAP Newsletter

May 2023

Friends,

Happy May! We've been keeping busy...

- Dr. Leigh Bragg won the **member-at-large position!**
- Click [here](#) to register for the **annual summer chapter meeting at Grove Park from August 10-13, 2023**. To book your hotel, click [here](#). And to see the agenda click [here](#).
- Thanks to our panelists for the **Medicaid Unwinding webinar!** If you haven't seen the [SCDHHS bulletin](#), please check it out, and be sure to post [this flyer](#) all over! And if you're interested in viewing the recording, pls email [mackeli@musc.edu](mailto:mackeli@musc.edu). And if you're interested in the transcript, click [here](#). Also, see Shelli Quenga's slides [here](#), as well as Palmetto Project's flyer for [providers](#) and flyer for [patients](#).
- Check out SC DHEC's [infant mortality data](#), [DHEC memo](#), [maternal M&M review committee info](#)...press conference coming this fall as a call to action!
- Drs. Melanie Gray Miller & Sarah Olsen, MUSC residents, won a CATCH grant focused on addressing **period poverty**. Huge congrats!
- We applied for an AAP **adolescent vaccination & wellness grant!**
- We were awarded a \$5000 **child death review grant** by the AAP!
- CMS has funded Palmetto GBA (a Medicare administration contractor) for an innovative new pilot program to support assessing for and addressing **Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)** in the Medicare population. Sign up [here](#) to participate in a listening session to assure the pediatric perspective is heard!
- Drs. Amy Martin & Blakely Amati have developed [this survey](#) re: **oral health** practices in primary care. Please take 3min to complete!!! This was determined to be IRB exempt.

each of the five MCOs and Healthy Connections (FFS Medicaid): AAP members should feel free to *raise these issues* with the [AAP SOAPM hassle factor form](#) so that the AAP can advocate as well.

| Company                                   | Clinical PA Number   |
|---|--|
| Absolute Total Care                       | Ph: 866-399-0928; option 1, option 5 Fax: 833-982-4001   |
| Healthy Blue by BlueChoice of SC          | Retail drug phone: 844-410-6890<br>Retail drug fax: 844-512-9005<br>Med Inj phone: 833-988-1264<br>Med Inj fax: 844-512-7027<br>*PAs may be submitted via phone, fax, or ePA (through CoverMyMeds login) |
| Humana Healthy Horizons in South Carolina | Email: covermymeds/epa/Humana<br>Ph: 800-555-2546<br>Fax: 877-486-2621   |
| First Choice by Select Health of SC       | Ph: 866-610-2773   |
| Molina Healthcare of SC                   | Ph: 855-237-6178   |
| Healthy Connections (FFS Medicaid)        | Ph: 866-247-1181   |

### Legislative advocacy updates

- Check out the [legislative update](#) as of 4/20/23 shared by the incredible Maggie Cash.
- We continue to oppose [S.109](#) & [H.3594](#) “**constitutional carry**.” H.3594 includes a provision that would allow a CWP holder that is 18 or older to have a firearm in a “secure” glovebox, etc. of a car on a school campus- but if that bill receives review in the Senate, we will have several opportunities to advocate against that provision. Dr. Martha Edwards testified on 4/5/23 against S.109. S 109 didn’t make crossover. H 3594 did come out of the House, but it hasn’t come out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- We continue to work with stakeholders on identifying mutually agreeable edits to [H.3309](#) (seizure safe schools) about the role of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists in managing **children with epilepsy in schools**.
- SCAAP signed onto this **gun violence prevention research funding letter** along with 400 other orgs and it was delivered to US House/Senate offices on 4/19/23
- Led by Dr. Kent Jones in partnership with geneticists and other advocates, the chapter supported [S.394](#) focused on providing more timely care when abnormal results appear on **newborn screens**...Dr. Skinner testified, and the bill passed the Senate with a vote of 42-0 on 2/22/23. The [house version](#) was introduced on 2/16/23 and was referred to 3M. It was scheduled for a subcommittee hearing 4/26/23 where Dr. Skinner again testified, and the bill passed out favorably with a unanimous vote to full committee. It passed out of full 3M committee favorably on 5/2/23. **S.394 on 5/4/23 was passed by the House by a vote of 108-0!!!** The bill will receive third reading 5/5/23 and be enrolled for ratification (both chambers sign the bills). After



- We continue to oppose [S.627](#), which proposes a **gender affirming care** ban for children under 18yo and forces schools to our children before they are ready. We testified against this bill on 3/23/23 in Senate Medical Affairs. For now, it appears this will not move this session but will likely be taken up next session.
- We continue to support the **hate crime** penalty enhancement bill [H.3014](#) and have asked that it be put up for special order this session.
- We support [H.4122](#), which would improve **access to lifesaving meds**, including epinephrine autoinjectors, naloxone, etc in school.
- We continue to oppose [S.505](#) & [H.3988](#), which would allow pharmacists and **pharmacy techs to test and provide treatment for certain diagnoses** and would **lower the age for pharmacists to provide routine vaccinations to 12 from 18yo**.
- We continue to oppose [H.3681](#) & [S.414](#) **tobacco preemption** bills, which take away the rights of local communities to pass important policies to prevent and reduce youth tobacco use. Call your legislators using [this link](#) and use the script.

**Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP**

*President*

## Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Corner

Happy May! Below is some information that may be of interest to early career physicians:

1) Mentorship Opportunity, 2) SOECP SOAP Notes Blog, and 3) Spring 2023 AAP Virtual Career Fair. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Your SOECP District IV Reps

### 1. Mentorship Opportunity with Council on Children with Disabilities

The Council on Children with Disabilities is offering a free virtual career open house this month. This event will introduce the field of caring for children with disabilities to interested pediatric trainees and early career physicians. This event will be recorded, but it is strongly recommended that interested parties attend the live event to ask questions and engage in the interactive peer networking portion. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 4-5pm.

[Register here!](#)

### 2. SOECP SOAP Notes Blog Submissions

Interested in submitting an article to the SOECP SOAP Notes Blog? Posts can be on any topic relevant to early career pediatricians. Many choose to submit articles related to National Health Observances (these are due the month prior to the health observance you are writing about). Once accepted, blog articles are posted to the SOECP SOAP Notes Blog and shared via the SOECP What's New monthly newsletter. Blog article submissions are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

[More information here!](#)

### 3. Spring 2023 AAP Virtual Career Fair

Registration is now open for the largest career networking event for pediatricians and employers—the **Spring 2023 AAP Virtual Career Fair**, which will take place on **Wednesday, May 17 (12 noon-6 pm ET) and Thursday, May 18 (11 am - 2 pm ET)**.

[Register here!](#)

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## Check Out These Resources and Opportunities

Check out [Medicaid's bulletin](#) regarding **coverage for factor for hemophilia patients**.

Check out [SC Immunization Coalition's](#) resources, webinars, and especially their projects ongoing in rural counties!

Note the AAP has named its first [chief health equity officer!](#)

Check out these [slides](#) from CDC meeting in April on **COVID vaccines**

The Greenville ECHO Coalition will be hosting their first **Upstate Opioid Summit** in

ASAP!

<https://store.upstateahec.org/product?catalog=US23169>

See this virtual reality training [module](#) on **equity and antiracism in global healthcare**

See here for [DHEC PPE ordering form](#).

#### **Resources for gender-affirming care:**

[Plume](#), [Folx](#), and [Trace](#)

See other phone resources [here](#) for trans youth in our state.

Download this [quick reference guide](#) from the AAP for **age-appropriate dosing of the COVID-19 vaccine**. The chart includes information for immunocompromised children and has been updated to include the latest booster dosing information for children under 5.

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## **Advocacy Corner**

Check out [www.scaap.org/advocacy](http://www.scaap.org/advocacy) for our **latest actionable state issues!** We are frequently updating this list of issues and we need your help to get the messages to legislators. In case you're curious, in 2022 there were 87 unique users, 1335 messages sent, and 7 action items we utilized through this platform!

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is excited to announce the revamp of our [Maternal & Child Health Bill Tracker](#) – A tool for professionals and individuals interested in federal legislation focused on improving and advancing maternal and child health (MCH).

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Take this civics quiz! <https://www.aap.org/en/advocacy/aap-advocacy-guide/civics-quiz/>

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**Student, Resident, and Fellow Membership Fees: Nudge a Trainee Today to [Join!](#)**

**Residents:** \$135 national, \$30 SCAAP (usually sponsored by a program)

**Fellowship Trainees:** \$145 national, \$30 SCAAP

Visit [www.scaap.org](http://www.scaap.org) and go to membership to join.

## From your SCAAP Telehealth Subcommittee

**LIVE WEBINAR**

# webinar wednesday

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## Managing Pediatric Obesity Via Telehealth

Christine San Giovanni, MD, MSCR  
and James McElligott, MD, MSCR

May 17, 2023 at 11:00am-12:00pm EST

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- Report the prevalence and contributing factors to weight management
- Identify comorbidities of obesity and ways to assess for them
- Describe successes and challenges of a weight management program via telehealth

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[www.palmettocareconnections.org/events/webinars/](http://www.palmettocareconnections.org/events/webinars/)

## From your Pediatric Healthy Lifestyles Subcommittee

Your SCAAP Pediatric Healthy Lifestyles Subcommittee wants to know what providers in South Carolina need to help their patients with obesity develop healthier habits! Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below. It should take no more than 5 minutes! Thank you for your time! <https://redcap.musc.edu/surveys/?s=TET9PCJWNH3T7CJJ>

## Mark Your Calendars!

### SCAAP Activities:

- **SCAAP summer meeting 2023:** August 10-13, 2023, at Grove Park Inn

### National AAP activities:

### [Head Injuries](#)

- 5/5/2023: [Safe Sleep Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative Applications Due](#)
- 5/5/2023: [Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems Family Advisory Leadership Council Applications Due](#)
- 5/8/2023: [AAP EHDI Advisory Group Applications Due](#)
- 5/8/2023: [Grant Opportunity: Addiction Treatment in Pediatric Settings ECHO Applications Due](#)
- 5/8/2023: [AAP Perinatal Depression Learning Community Applications Due](#)
- 5/9/2023: [Live Virtual Event: Helping Families Navigate Systems: Special Education and SSI for Children with Disabilities](#)
- 5/12/2023: [Webinar: Strategies to Improve Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence Workshop](#)
- 5/15/2023: [Lou Halamek Pediatric Simulation Excellence Award Nominations Due](#)
- 5/15/2023: [Funding Opportunity to Advance Equity- and Family-Centered Early Childhood Developmental Systems Applications Due](#)
- 5/16/2023: [Webinar: Partnering for Prevention: Child Death Review/Fetal & Infant Mortality Review](#)
- 5/19/2023: [Nominations for National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group Due](#)
- 5/19/2023: [ACGME Pediatric Review Committee Nominations Due](#)
- 5/24/2023: [AAP Chapters and Early Childhood State Health Partners Virtual Meeting](#)
- 5/25/2023: [AAP Suicide Prevention Ambassador ECHO Program Survey Due](#)
- 5/31/2023: [Grant Opportunity: Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship Applications Due](#)
- 6/1/2023: [AAP EDI Award Nominations Due](#)
- 6/9/2023: [PREP Self-Assessment Program Deputy Editor Nominations Due](#)
- 6/15/2023: [PREP Subspecialty Self-Assessment Editorial Board Nominations Due](#)
- [Future NCE dates](#)

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## SCAAP Information

SCAAP officers (August 2022 – July 2024):

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- Ramkumar Jayagopalan, MD, FAAP [Ramkumarjayagopalan@gmail.com](mailto:Ramkumarjayagopalan@gmail.com) - Secretary/treasurer
- Bob Saul, MD, FAAP [robertsaul@me.com](mailto:robertsaul@me.com) – Past president & Nominating committee chair

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**Lutine Management Associates:** <https://lutinemanagement.com/our-team/>

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