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SCAAP Newsletter

August 2024

Friends,

Happy August (and happy National Immunization Awareness Month)!

- As I write my final SCAAP newsletter, I'm reflecting on the last few years and looking forward to our **annual meeting in Hilton Head next week!** Note the hotel block is sold out but in case your plans have changed and allow you to join us, here's the link! <https://scaap.org/meetings/> We encourage non-trainee members as you register to volunteer to be a **judge in the resident poster competition**. TY to Dr. Jenny Hudson for ladyhandling this!
- **Copays removed for all SC Medicaid services:** *SCDHHS announced via bulletin [MB# 24-038](#) (see below), that effective July 1, 2024, all services will be covered without cost-sharing for any Healthy Connections Medicaid member. This means providers are **no longer** required to collect co-payments from any Healthy Connections Medicaid member. This includes members enrolled in a managed care plan and those enrolled in the fee-for-service Medicaid program, including those enrolled in the Family Planning limited benefit program. Any co-payment amount will not be applied to providers' payments for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024. Although copays never applied for members under 19 (and most have been suspended during the PHE), this will be relevant for some pediatricians.*
- We reviewed our **investments** with our financial advisor at Morgan Stanley to be sure we are supporting companies that align with our mission. We made some adjustments and will review quarterly to be sure we continue to stay aligned with our mission.
- Drs. Greenhouse and Edwards recently attended the **AAP Leadership meeting** in Chicago. Dr. Greenhouse, our District IV vice chair, worked with her team to plan excellent district breakout sessions which focused on physician wellbeing, networking, exchanging ideas about initiatives and advocacy, and responding to the challenges that climate change and environmental justice issues bring for children. From Dr. Edwards: "It was an honor to take part in the resolution

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was inspiring to be in a room full of pediatricians who are all laser-focused on improving the lives of children. No matter where you are in your career, we encourage you to learn how to take advantage of all our AAP professional home has to offer.”

- See [this notice](#) regarding **medical homebound** from SCDPH.
- Check out [this letter](#) from DPH (formerly DHEC) to pediatricians regarding **congenital syphilis**.
- We are in the process of reviewing/renewing our 5y contract w **SCDHHS contract which governs QTIP** ... a good time to pause and reflect on this amazing offering in which so many of you participate!
- The **NAMI SC State Mental Health Conference** will be held in Columbia on September 5, and the keynote speaker is Dr. Ken Duckworth, triple-boarded in adult, children and adolescent, and forensic psychiatry and a wonderful speaker. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in behavioral health and supporting families. You can register [here](#).
- All: We are **recruiting for committee/subcommittee members!** Please check out the [committee list](#) and reach out to join.
- Please contact president@scaap.org if you want to include kudos or announcements in the newsletter!

In the news:

- See **Dr. Greenhouse** quoted [here!](#)
- **Dr. Bob Saul**, immediate past president, crafted another articulate [blog post!](#) If you'd like to receive his weekly blog post via email, contact him at robertsaul@me.com

Vaccine & vaccine-preventable disease info:

- We partnered with Pfizer to spread the word about childhood vaccines. Check out the results of our campaign!
 - **Radio PSA with Dr. Blakely Amati:**
Dates on air: September 2023 - June 2024
Impressions through May 2024: 579,87
 - **Social Media & Mini-site:**
Dates live: December 2023 - December 2024
Instagram + Facebook Impressions: 2,716,142
Mini-site link: <https://www.babycheckupscount.com/help-protect-your-childs-health-south-carolina>
Mini-site visits in 2024: 7,376
Link to social posts:
<https://fb.me/a8BOK5yn1AuRWM>
<https://fb.me/1FkDvWwmjcEUnb7>
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- Download this [quick reference guide](#) from 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 5yo.

Upcoming dates:

- [Annual summer meeting](#) August 8-11, 2024, Royal Sonesta in Hilton Head
- CATCH meeting January 24-26, 2025, Francis Marion hotel in Charleston
- Annual summer meeting August 7-10, 2025, Grove Park in Asheville

State advocacy updates:

- **UHC & Prisma** have reached an [agreement](#) and Prisma is back in network- woohoo!
- There are numerous opportunities for various types of legislative advocacy this session. We put together a **What's App thread for advocates** who are interested in being activated for action! Email president@scaap.org if you're interested with your cell!

National advocacy updates

- We signed onto a **letter to EPA supporting waivers for various California clean air and clean vehicles rules**. The national AAP has signed on to this sign-on letter that is being led by our coalition partners at the American Lung Association.
- **How to Sign Up for AAP Advocacy Emails:** The Academy sends regular advocacy updates and advocacy action alerts to AAP members, along with a weekly Capital Check-Up email, recapping the child health policy news from Washington when Congress is in session. To sign-up, email kids1st@aap.org along with your name, email address and AAP ID if known.

Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP

SCAAP president

Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Corner

1. AAP Mentorship Program Relaunch! Learn more [HERE](#)

The AAP Mentorship Program is being relaunched. Why join??

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- **Skill Enhancement:** Through self-paced courses, you can expand your skills in a variety of topics including leadership, core professional skills, and inclusive mentoring.
- **Network Building:** Connect with colleagues and leaders working toward a group goal through the Circles Program. Circles harness the power of peer support while building a sense of connection and shared experience.

Visit the [AAP Mentorship Program](#) to learn more about the programs offered and sign up to complete your profile and start your mentorship journey. Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your career!

Your SOECP District IV Reps

DR: Laura Workman, MD— laurachadyworkman@gmail.com

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SOMSRFT Corner

Call for Applications: CATCH District Resident Liaison Positions – Due August 30

The AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program is seeking applications for the position of CATCH District Resident Liaison (DRL) in all 10 AAP Districts. The term for this position is 2 years starting in October 2024. The [CATCH mission](#) is to support pediatricians to collaborate within their communities to advance the health of all children. [Learn more](#) about the responsibilities and activities of the position. [Applications](#) are due Friday, August 30, 2024. Please note, at the end of the online application, a current CV and a letter of support in PDF format must be uploaded. Questions about this position and how to apply can be sent to [Maggie Kelly](#), Community Health Initiatives Specialist.

DEI Corner

Improving equitable access to developmental-behavioral pediatric care, SCAAP member Dr. Shawna McCafferty has partnered with LowCountry Autism Foundation (LAF) to provide autism assessments at no cost to families in resource-limited areas of the Lowcountry.

We want to uplift our members that are engaging in DEI work throughout SC, so please nominate a colleague or yourself by sending an email to us (see below) for future spotlights!

Substance Use Provider Warmline

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Join the SC Center of Excellence in Adulthood on Wednesday, August 14 at noon for a lunch and learn webinar about South Carolina's new [Clinician Warmline](#) ([see handout here](#)) for opioid and substance use disorders (OUD/SUD) and the [Mom's IMPACTT program](#). Both South Carolina-based tools make peer-to-peer consultation available to clinicians and medical providers in our state. Experts from Center of Excellence partner organizations, Michelle Strong, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, CARN-AP, of Prisma Health, and Connie Guille, MD, of the Medical University of South Carolina, will provide a deep dive into how clinicians can access this kind of consultation support when working with individuals with OUD/SUD.

[Register here to attend!](#)

Stay up to date with the Center by [signing up for our newsletter!](#) Reach our clinician warmline for peer-to-peer consults at 864.914.1301

Your SCAAP DEI representatives:

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- CE credits available
- Review of Medicaid requirements for an ASD diagnosis

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The flyer features the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs logo at the top left. The main title 'ADOS-2 TRAINING' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below it, a subtitle describes it as the 'Gold standard for the observational assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)'. A circular inset image shows a woman in a pink blazer and glasses leaning over a desk, looking at a document with a young girl. The 'TRAINING INCLUDES:' section lists five bullet points: Lunch, in-person classes throughout the state, drop-in virtual Q&A sessions for 6 months, CE credits, and a review of Medicaid requirements. A large QR code is positioned to the right of the list, with the word 'REGISTER!' in bold blue letters above it.

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

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Medical Students: \$25 national AAP, \$0 SCAAP

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

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

Visit www.scaap.org and go to membership to join.

Mark Your Calendars!

National AAP activities:

- **8/1/2024:** [Child Volunteers for AAP National Conference & Exhibition Fluoride Varnish Session Deadline](#)
- **8/3-4/2024:** [Virtual Course: PREP the Cram](#)
- **8/5/2024:** [Applications Due: Act Early Ambassador Recruitment for 2024–2026 Cohort](#)
- **8/8/2024:** [Webinar: Quality Improvement \(QI\) Essentials](#)
- **8/8/2024:** [Webinar: Engaging Families in Early Childhood Development](#)
- **8/10-11/2024:** **2024 Global Health Education Course:** [Attend In-person](#) | [Attend Virtually](#)
- **8/14/2024:** [Suicide Prevention Clinical ECHO Launches](#)
- **8/16/2024:** [Webinar: AI in Pediatric Health Care Research](#)
- **8/23/2024:** [Nominations Due: AAP Delegation to the AMA](#)
- **8/30/2024:** [Applications Due: CATCH District Resident Liaison Positions](#)

[Future NCE dates](#)

National AAP Updates

Clinical Report: The Pediatrician's Role in Preventing Child Maltreatment

Research continues to demonstrate that child maltreatment can be prevented, underscoring the vital roles of both the family and society in healthy childhood development. This clinical report elaborates the pediatrician's multitiered role in supporting relational health from infancy through adolescence.

- **Clinical Report:** [The Pediatrician's Role in Preventing Child Maltreatment](#)
- **News Release:** [American Academy of Pediatrics: Child Maltreatment can be Prevented](#)
- **AAP News:** [AAP Report: Pediatric Practices Play Vital Role in Preventing Child Maltreatment](#)
- **Patient Care:** [Trauma-Informed Care Resources for Pediatricians](#)
- **HealthyChildren.org:** [Child Abuse and Neglect: AAP Policy Explained](#)

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children's teeth to help protect them from decay. The Section is seeking child volunteers, **ages 1 year (with at least a few teeth) – 8 years**, to participate in this session at the 2024 AAP National Conference & Exhibition in Orlando, FL (September 27–October 1). Pediatricians will practice how to do an oral health risk assessment with a family and apply fluoride varnish to a young child. The session will take place Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 4:30–5:30 pm ET. The AAP will compensate families with a \$50 Visa gift card per child. [Learn more and register here](#) by Thursday, August 1, 2024. **Contact:** [Gina Crosley-Corcoran](#), MPH, Manager, Maternal & Child Health Initiatives, and Manager of the Section on Oral Health and Section on Breastfeeding.

Webinar: Engaging Families in Early Childhood Development with the CDC "Learn the Signs. Act Early." Program – August 8

Join the CDC and the Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems: Evidence to Impact Center, AAP partners, for a webinar on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 3:00–4:30 pm CT, to discover how to engage families in early childhood developmental monitoring. This webinar will spotlight the CDC "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program and its free resources to help providers and staff engage and empower families as critical partners in developmental monitoring. [Register here](#).

In-person/Virtual Course: 2024 Global Health Education Course – August 10-11

Prepare to engage in global health work with a more standardized, ethical approach at the 2024 Global Health Education course, taking place at the AAP Headquarters in Itasca, IL on Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11, 2024. This unique course allows participants to connect with a community of like-minded learners and hear from leading experts as they prepare attendees for the everyday challenges of caring for children and families in countries and cultures different from their own – all while gaining proficiency in procedural skills that can be done in low-resource settings. This year, participants have the option to attend in-person or virtually and can choose to attend one or both days. [Register here](#) to attend in-person or [register here](#) to attend virtually.

Webinar: AI in Pediatric Health Care Research – August 16

Join the AAP on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 11:00 am CT for an engaging discussion of how AI is transforming pediatric health care research. The session will focus on what this means for how to study, understand, and use pediatric health research data. [Register here](#). This webinar will be recorded, so please register to receive a link to the recording when it's available. [Click here](#) to catch up on the previous AAP AI webinars. Questions and comments about these webinars, or AI in pediatrics more broadly, can be directed to the [Council on Clinical Information Technology](#).

Call For Nominations: AAP Delegation to the AMA – Due August 23

The AAP has a delegation of AAP members who represent the Academy in the American Medical Association House of Delegates. The AAP Executive Committee is seeking nominations for

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- Member of the AAP.
- Member of the AMA.
- Practicing pediatrician or academician.
- Involvement in AAP chapters, national committees, councils, or sections.
- Involvement in AMA and state medical society activities.
- Excellent communication skills and public speaking skills.
- Strong leadership skills, including the ability to build consensus with issues.
- Knowledge and familiarity with AAP policies, technical/clinical reports, and manuals.
- Ability to respond to issues and requests promptly.
- Ability to represent the Academy at 2 in-person AMA meetings per year.
- Understanding of the child health care and medical education systems, and of the influences of social, economic, political, and cultural issues on the health and health care of children, youth, and families.

Delegation members are appointed for a 3-year term and may be reappointed every 3 years for a total lifetime service of 24 years. Interested candidates are asked to [complete this fact sheet](#) and submit it, along with their curriculum vitae, to [Katie Friedman](#), Manager, Committee, Council, and Section Administration, by Friday, August 23, 2024. Please note, to ensure diverse leadership within AAP, members are limited to one leadership position at a time.

SCAAP Information

SCAAP officers (August 2022 – July 2024):

- Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP president@scaap.org - President
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- Bob Saul, MD, FAAP robertsaul@me.com – Past president & Nominating committee chair

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