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This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources, as well as current clinical and other information. The Champion E-Correspondence is sent on a monthly basis. Feel free to share the Champion E-Correspondence with colleagues. Distribution information appears at the end of this newsletter.

Project Updates

Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis

Greetings from Elk Grove Village, Illinois! We are continuing our countdown to the Educational and Networking Conference for the Chapter Champions on October 9 & 10, 2015, in Rosemont, IL. Information on travel arrangements will be sent out within the next few weeks. Please continue to send in your [workplans for Year 2](#)! We love hearing about what you are doing and how we can support you in your work.

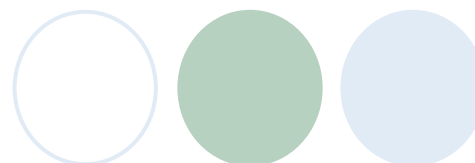
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Webinar: [Management of the Acute Loss of Asthma in the Yellow Zone: A Conversation on the Revised Practice Parameters](#), July 9 at 10am PT/11am MT/12pm CT/1pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [Navigating the Affordable Care Act—Help for Families of Children with Special Health Care Needs](#), July 20 at 10am PT/11am MT/12pm CT/1pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [Family Engagement in Title V](#), July 24 at 11am PT/12pm MT/1pm CT/2pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [Stinging Insect Allergy and Anaphylaxis](#), July 29 at 5pm PT/6pm MT/7pm CT/8pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [Lung Infections in Indigenous American Children: A Hidden Disparity](#), August 25 at 11am PT/12pm MT/1pm CT/2pm ET
- ◆ [10th Annual Alaska Asthma & Allergy Conference](#), September 11-12, Girdwood, AK
- ◆ [US Anaphylaxis Summit – 2015](#), Multiple venues and dates
- ◆ [Adverse Childhood Experiences Southeastern Summit 2015: Building Resilient, Interdisciplinary Workforces, Communities & Families](#), September 24-26, Asheville, NC
- ◆ [2015 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Annual Meeting](#), September 29-October 1, Salt Lake City, UT
- ◆ AAP MHCCPAAA Chapter Champions Educational and Networking Conference, October 9-10, Rosemont, IL
- ◆ [Blazing New Trails: Innovations in State Health Policy](#), October 19-21, Dallas, TX
- ◆ [AAP National Conference and Exhibition](#), October 24-27, Washington, DC
- ◆ [2015 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition](#), October 31-November 4, Chicago, IL
- ◆ [FARE Teen Summit](#), November 13-15, Washington, DC



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Reports

Practice Parameter Addresses Management of 'Yellow Zone' Asthma Episodes

This [article](#) published in *AAP News* (June 2015) discusses the recently revised practice parameters for asthma management in the yellow zone. The key concept emphasized in this practice parameter is that each yellow zone episode may require a different amount of supplemental anti-inflammatory medication to prevent progression. It is hoped that routine use of an effective yellow zone intervention as part of an action plan will lead to reduced morbidity and improved quality of life for individuals with asthma.

Effects of a Medical Home and Shared Savings Intervention on Quality and Utilization of Care

This [study](#) published in *JAMA Internal Medicine* (June 2015) analyzed three years of claims data from two groups of medical practices participating in the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Initiative (PACCI). Practices in the pilot group were required to pursue National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognition as a medical home and participate in a shared-savings bonus program; practices in the comparison group were not, although some did pursue NCQA recognition. Physician practices in the pilot group outperformed the comparison group on clinical quality. Patients in the pilot group practices also had comparatively fewer hospital and emergency room visits.

Pursuing the Triple Aim: The First Seven Years

In 2008, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) proposed the Triple Aim, a strategic framework to achieve better health and system performance based on the simultaneous pursuit of improved care for individuals, better health for populations, and reduced per capita health care costs. In the years since, the Triple Aim has inspired and guided improvement in many countries, and here in the US it became part of the national strategy for health care reform developed through the Affordable Care Act. In a [new article](#) published in the June 2015 issue of *The Milbank Quarterly*, the IHI team that has played a leading role in helping organizations pursue the Triple Aim looks at how this work has evolved in the last seven years – specifically, why some organizations have made progress implementing the Triple Aim and others have not. They describe three principles that are essential for health care organizations to successfully pursue the Triple Aim, illustrated by numerous examples of health systems or communities that are learning by doing in every sense of the phrase.

Asthma and the Hygiene Hypothesis. Does Cleanliness Matter?

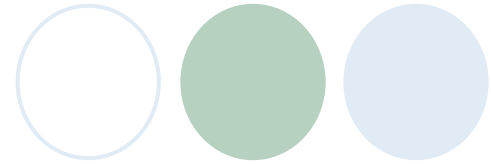
This [article](#)* published in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* (June 2015) explores the role of hygiene on asthma rates. The frequency of asthma appears to have increased over the past few decades. There may also have been an increase in allergic disorders too. Why?

That the increase in these disorders seems to have occurred in more affluent countries has led to the suggestion that greater hygiene has been responsible. The theory is that exposure to extraneous agents and microorganisms in early life somehow primes the immune system to tolerate such agents.

Tribal Implementation of a Patient-[Centered] Medical Home Model (PCMH) in Alaska Accompanied By Decreased Hospital Use

This [article](#) published in the *International Journal of Circumpolar Health* in 2013 discusses the evaluation of hospitalization trends before, during and after PCMH implementation on the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) campus in Anchorage, Alaska. Implementation of PCMH was accompanied by decreases in the percent of patients hospitalized monthly for any reason and for unintentional injury and in the percent of asthma patients hospitalized annually for asthma. Increased accessibility to empaneled care teams may have contributed to decreased need for hospitalization.

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Strategies for Addressing Asthma Within a Coordinated School Health Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified [six strategies](#) for schools and districts to consider when addressing asthma within a coordinated school health program. These strategies can be effective whether your program is for one school or the entire school district.

Podcast: Getting Ahead of Asthma: How States are Implementing Primary Prevention to Reduce Onset of Asthma

The Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Asthma is the first state asthma plan in the nation to address how primary prevention can reduce the onset of asthma. This [Strategic Plan](#) outlines goals and funding mechanisms to promote partnerships and services that ensure healthy populations stay that way: healthy and asthma-free. In this podcast episode, Polly Hoppin (Program Director of the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production Environmental Health Program) and Ted Schettler (Science Director of the Science and Environmental Health Network) explain their work on primary prevention of asthma and describe how Massachusetts became the first state to pursue primary prevention of asthma in its state strategic plan.

Family-Centered Care Assessment Tool for Families

Created by the National Center for Family Professional Partnerships, this [24-question survey](#) allows families to assess the family-centeredness of their child's health care clinician. An accompanying [User's Guide](#) provides instructions for the use of this tool to support improvements within a pediatric practice. This tool is also available in [Spanish](#).

Get Smart About Asthma

The newly re-launched Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) [educational asthma website](#), updated for both desktop and mobile devices, includes an up-to-date rotating news badge with the latest asthma news and an infographic that illustrates asthma prevalence and triggers. The new homepage highlights short, informative videos of notable asthma experts discussing important topics relevant to people living with asthma. The website also offers a number of downloadable toolkits and discussion guides, aimed to equip patients with the knowledge they need to improve communication with their healthcare providers about asthma.

Asthma Awareness: Public Health and Genomic Insights

Since 1997, CDC's Office of Public Health Genomics (OPHG) has served CDC programs, other federal agencies, state health departments, and other external partners by identifying, evaluating, and implementing evidence-based genomics practices to prevent and control the country's leading chronic, infectious, environmental, and occupational diseases. Information on [asthma](#) is periodically updated.

Webinar: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and Health: Managing Asthma for Improved Health and Academic Outcomes

The [webinar](#) focuses on how to identify, recognize and address indoor environmental asthma triggers and employ the essential actions for effective asthma management in schools, in addition to how to convey the impact that combining an effective IAQ management plan with an asthma management plan in schools has on student and staff health outcomes and academic performance. It describes how the actions and behaviors in EPA's *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools (IAQ TFS)* [Action Kit](#) and [Framework for Effective IAQ Management](#) can be integrated into a comprehensive asthma management plan to institutionalize policies and practices that create a healthier indoor environment, as well as how to explain the components of the [American Lung Association's Asthma-Friendly Schools Initiative](#), which outlines a comprehensive approach to asthma management, align with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinated School Health Model](#).



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Resources (continued)

Webinar: Beyond Implementation: Capturing the Value of Care Coordination

This [webinar](#), hosted by the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) aimed to: 1) State the value of measuring and evaluating care coordination activities within the context of improved patient experience, improved health of populations, and decreased cost of health care. 2) Identify tools and strategies to facilitate the measurement of pediatric care coordination activities. 3) Provide examples of how practices are utilizing care coordination performance metrics and methodologies to capture value for patients and families.

Policy and Advocacy

Pediatricians Applaud Supreme Court Decision to Uphold Federal Subsidies for Health Insurance Purchased in All 50 States

Last week the [AAP joined several health organizations in applauding](#) the Supreme Court decision to uphold federal subsidies for health insurance purchased in all 50 states. In the AAP statement, “today’s decision provides families with stable access to coverage no matter where they live. This ruling is important for several reasons:

- **Insurance matters.** Research shows that when parents are insured, children are more likely to access the care they need when they need it, and the whole family is healthier. The Court’s decision makes it possible for all U.S. families, no matter where they live, to access affordable insurance that meets their most basic needs.
- **Stability matters.** Disrupting access to healthcare services, particularly for a child with a critical need, has devastating effects on family health. Had the Court ruled the other way, millions of people would have lost affordable options for insurance, and hundreds of thousands more would have been rendered uninsured.
- **Advocacy matters.** Our work ahead is clear: now that the Court has ruled, the AAP will continue to ensure that health insurance marketplaces are family-friendly and that state chapters have what they need to help pediatricians and families access the care they need.

A Declaration on Climate Change and Health

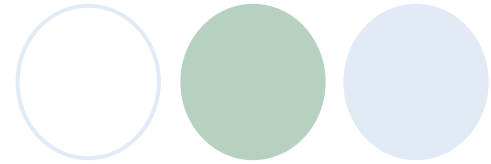
A coalition of leading public health, disease advocacy and medical organizations, including the AAP, reiterated their [longstanding commitment](#) to addressing climate change as a public health issue as part of the National Dialogue on Climate Change and Health at the White House on June 23, 2015. This statement articulates their consensus on the health impacts of climate change and the need for action to protect public health.

Epinephrine Bills in the US States!

Hawaii is considering legislation that would require schools to keep a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for use in emergencies. Learn more about the legislation in [Hawaii](#) and the status of similar legislation in other US states!

Webinar: Children’s Coverage Beyond CHIP: Policy Considerations for States

Although federal funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was recently extended through FFY2017, it is unclear if CHIP will continue beyond that date. As a result, children may need to transition to other sources of coverage in the future. This two-year funding extension can provide state and federal policymakers with an opportunity to address important policy issues to ensure children continue to receive affordable and appropriate health care. Through this [webinar](#), NASHP brought together a national expert and officials from three different state health and insurance agencies to surface issues and questions about the future of children’s coverage.



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Ways to Engage

CATCH Now Accepting Grant Applications

[Grants](#) of up to \$10,000 for pediatricians and fellowship trainees and \$2,000 for pediatric residents are available from the Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program for innovative initiatives that will ensure all children, especially underserved children, have medical homes, timely immunizations, and access to health services not otherwise available in their communities. Applications will be accepted for Planning, Implementation, and Resident Grants until **July 31**.

Encourage Eligible Families to Enroll in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program Year-round

Materials are available from InsureKidsNow.gov, encouraging eligible families to enroll in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program year-round. The Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign has resources to help inform families with children and teens that enrollment in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is available year round. In addition, in many states, more parents and other adults may be eligible for Medicaid than in the past. It is important for families to know that children and adults who qualify for coverage through Medicaid or CHIP have not missed out on obtaining health coverage – they can enroll at any time.

AAP Funding Opportunity: Bright Futures Preventive Services Improvement - State Spread Project (PreSIPS2) Learning Collaborative

The AAP Bright Futures Initiative is pleased to announce the launch of the Preventive Services Improvement - State Spread Project (PreSIPS2) learning collaborative – to improve the preventive health outcomes of young children based on Bright Futures. The AAP will collaborate with up to **5 AAP Chapters** to participate in a new quality improvement initiative. AAP Chapters will work with their state level partners (e.g., public health, Medicaid/ ACOs/payers, academic pediatrics), families, and 10-15 pediatric practices (including 1 residency continuity clinic), to identify **practical strategies** that **really work** at the state and practice level to support implementation of preventive services guidelines for early childhood.

To learn more, [register](#) for an Informational Session: Monday, **July 13** @ 3pm ET / 2pm CT / 1pm MT / 12pm PT. For more information, please contact: Marian Earls, MD, FAAP (mearls@n3cn.org) or Paula Duncan, MD, FAAP (pduncan214@gmail.com). The application deadline is **August 10**. To obtain the Request for Applications (RFA), please contact Linda Radecki (RadeckiResearch@gmail.com).

Funding Opportunity: Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers

The purpose of this announcement is to invite applications from single institutions or consortia of institutions to participate in the Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (AACRC) program. The program will support centers that integrate clinical and basic research to conduct studies on the mechanisms underlying the onset and progression of diseases of interest, including asthma, rhinitis (allergic and non-allergic), chronic rhinosinusitis, atopic dermatitis, food allergy, and drug allergy. The overarching goal of the program is to improve the understanding of the pathogenesis of these conditions and to provide a rational foundation for new, effective treatments and prevention strategies. To learn more, [click here](#). Applications are due **October 2**.



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In the News...

- ◆ [White House Climate Change Summit Highlights Health Dangers](#)
- ◆ [Breaking Down the Landmark LEAP Study: What Does it Mean?](#)
- ◆ [15 Per Cent of Kids Who Have an Anaphylactic Reaction Have Delayed Second Reaction: Study](#)
- ◆ [Prenatal Exposure to H₂ Blockers, PPIs Ups Asthma Risk](#)
- ◆ [Missouri Medicaid to Support Asthma Care at Home](#)
- ◆ [Branstad Signs Law Authorizing EpiPen Use by Iowa School Workers](#)
- ◆ [Texas Governor Greg Abbott Signs Law Increasing Access to EpiPens on Public Campuses](#)
- ◆ Allergy Awareness Video: [Along Came Pollen](#)
- ◆ [E-cigarette Use Triples Among Middle And High School Students in Just One Year](#)
- ◆ [58 Million Nonsmokers in US are still Exposed to Secondhand Smoke](#)

Chapter Champions Call to Action

Contact your [chapter leadership](#) today and share information about the program with your chapter. Let your chapter know about your work with the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis, and find out how you can serve as a resource!



As always, we regularly update the [program website](#) with resources that might be useful to champions. Be sure to check out our website!

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