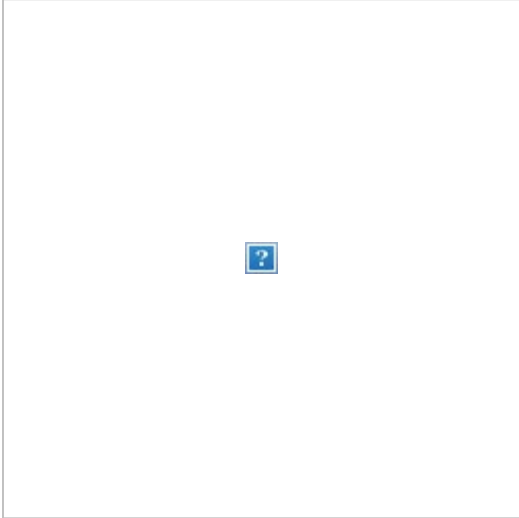


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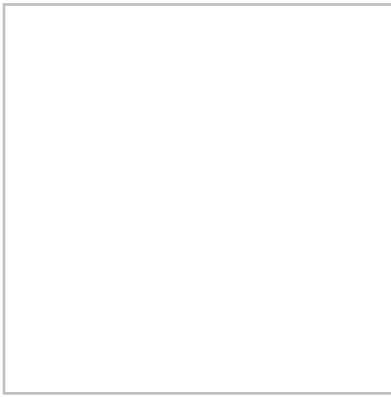
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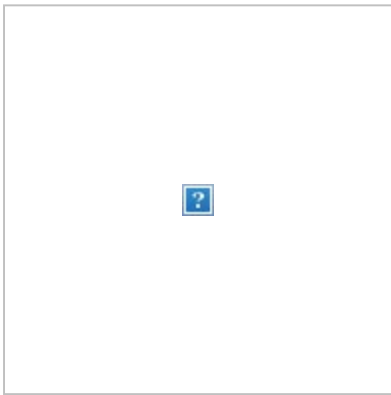
Measles Cases and Outbreaks in Maryland: As of February 29, 2024, a total of 41 measles cases were reported by 16 jurisdictions: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York City, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington. Click [here](#) for information from the CDC.

Below are resources from National AAP:

- ["Health leaders call on clinicians to watch for measles cases, urge families to get children vaccinated"](#)
- ["Think Measles"](#)

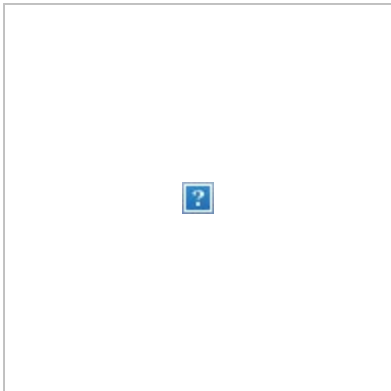


- [Project Firstline resources](#)
- [Red Book online Measles chapter](#)



Did you know that in 2025 the MDAAP will celebrate its 75th anniversary serving OUR Maryland kids?

If you want to help plan for a celebratory event, join our "Anniversary Party Committee" by [emailing MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner](#).



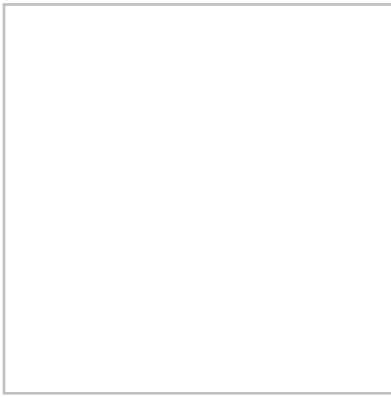
2024 MDAAP Legislative Session

Though our MDAAP 2024 Legislative Session *Zoom meetings have ended* - and MANY THANKS to those who joined and gave your insights regarding proposed bills! - you will continue to receive information via email from MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner until the Maryland Legislative Session ends. The most recent reports from the MDAAP Lobbyist Team are listed below:

- [MDAAP Tracking Report of February 22, 2024](#)
- [MDAAP FYI List of February 22, 2024](#)
- [MDAAP Weekly Report of February 23, 2024](#)

"Re-defining Beliefs in HPV Vaccination" Virtual CME Event - Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET: Join this event to learn about:

- Current HPV-associated cancers and how cancer incidence has been impacted following HPV vaccination
- Communication strategies to educate vaccine-eligible patients and their parents about risks of HPV infection and benefits of vaccination



- Factors that impact HPV vaccine acceptance and implement approaches to address healthcare disparities among pediatric populations

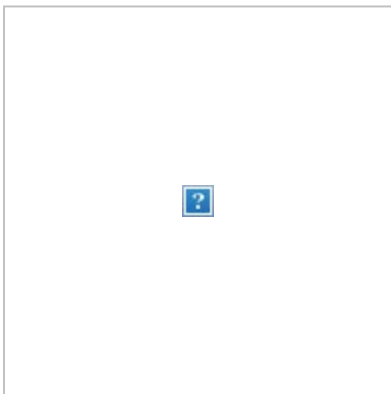
For more information and to register for this event offering free CME credit, click [here](#).

Upcoming MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meetings - Please join in!

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. ET - Register in advance for this webinar [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

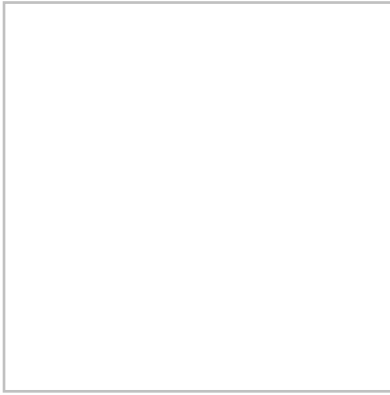
Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. ET - Register in advance for this webinar [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

View the entire MDAAP Events & Meetings calendar at <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/>.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS! National AAP grants provide research opportunities: Pediatric residents are encouraged to apply to the AAP Resident Research Grant Program for support to initiate and complete projects related to their professional interests. Application deadline is March 31, 2024. Research projects are conducted for up to two years and should be completed during residency training. Click [here](#) for details.

From the MDAAP Oral Health Committee: See the newly launched webpage at <https://www.mdaap.org/oral-health/>. Click [here](#) to see the Educational Mission, Advocacy Mission, and Resources.



From Your MDAAP Colleagues

Seeking Pediatric Practitioner Volunteers for Medical Brigade to Honduras - June 20-29,2024:

The brigade is organized by OCHO (Organization for Community Outreach, www.ocho.org), a Baltimore based nonprofit group that has been providing healthcare in Honduras for over 20 years. Spanish speaking skills are helpful but interpreters will be available. [Email Ken Tellerman MD, FAAP](mailto:Ken.Tellerman@FAAP.org), if you are interested in more information:

From National AAP District 3

Call for Nominations: District 3 Chair and District Vice Chair Positions: It is time to open the floor for nominations! Individuals who are dedicated, passionate, and committed to the betterment of District 3 (includes the Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Chapters) are sought for these national positions. Click [here](#) for the detailed job descriptions - and [here](#) for the bio form. Interested? Have questions? [Email Tanner Walsh, MD, FAAP](mailto:Tanner.Walsh@FAAP.org), National AAP National Nominating Committee, District III. All completed bio forms must be submitted by April 1, 2024. The District nominating committee will be scheduled to meet in mid-April to discuss the nominations and finalize the ballot by May 1, 2024.

DMV Disaster Survey: The [AAP District of Columbia Chapter](#) would appreciate your time completing a [survey](#) on disaster education for pediatric professionals in the DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area. Their study aims to answer the question: "In the event of a disaster, what methods of just-in-time education do pediatricians prefer?" This information will be used to inform future educational resource development. For your time, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon e-gift card. Winners will be notified by the email provided. This study was made possible by a grant from the AAP Disaster Ambassador Program.

From MDAAP Partners

Pediatric Long COVID ECHO - Spring 2024 Cohort 2: Kennedy Krieger Institute offers an educational opportunity for providers to expand the workforce capacity and increase knowledge of best practices and evidence-based care for healthcare professionals treating children and adolescents with persistent COVID-19 symptoms. Because of overwhelming interest, the Kennedy Krieger Institute added a second cohort. Registration is open for a parallel series starting Tuesday, March 12, 2024, from 1:30-2:30p ET. Registration is available at <https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM17066350861482WPLKU1Y6H>. If you are interested in participating but unable to attend Cohort 2, please email KKI-NECT@kennedykrieger.org indicating your interest and they will update you as new cohorts or spots are added.

"Youth Voices Experiences with Mental Health Care in Maryland": The [Mental Health](#)

Association of Maryland has produced a short film of a culmination of meaningful conversations with youth ranging from second graders to young adults, as well as their families and caregivers. Too often, decisions regarding mental health and substance use care are made without acknowledging the lived experience of those directly affected by these services. As MHAMD works to address the children's mental health crisis in Maryland, it is crucial to prioritize and amplify the voices of youth with lived experience.

Questions About Youth Substance Use?: Call the [Maryland Addiction Consultation Service](https://www.marylandmacs.org/consultation) at (855-337-MACS). Drug overdoses and poisonings are now the third-leading cause of pediatric deaths in the United States. In Maryland from 2016 to 2021, the misuse of prescription pain medication among middle school students increased from 4.9% to 11.5%. Clinicians can help mitigate this crisis by calling MACS for guidance on interventions and risk assessments for adolescents. For more information, see <https://www.marylandmacs.org/consultation>.

From National AAP

National AAP SOECP Health Equity Grant Program - Deadline March 3, 2024: The goal of the Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Health Equity Grant Program is to support our early career physicians, especially those who are underrepresented in medicine, as they conduct research, interventions, and education that address antiracism and health equity in communities and institutions. For more information [click here](#).

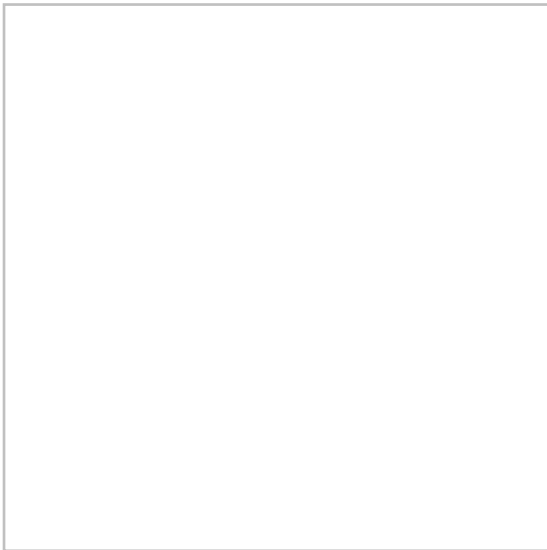
Submit Resolutions for 2024 National AAP Leadership Conference - By April 1, 2024: Passionate about a child health topic or pediatric issue? Help shape the Academy's priorities. Click [here](#) for more details.

Do you have patient stories about the unwinding of Medicaid?: [Stephanie Glier](#), AAP's Director of Federal Advocacy wants your stories! States restarted Medicaid eligibility redeterminations in April 2023 after the COVID-era coverage protections expired. This process, known as the Medicaid Unwinding, has impacted children, families, and pediatricians throughout the country. AAP Advocacy staff are working to bring attention to the practical and policy challenges of the Unwinding, and we have interested journalists and policymakers. Now, we need your help! Please share your stories about the Unwinding with us by [using this form](#) to share your stories and examples of:

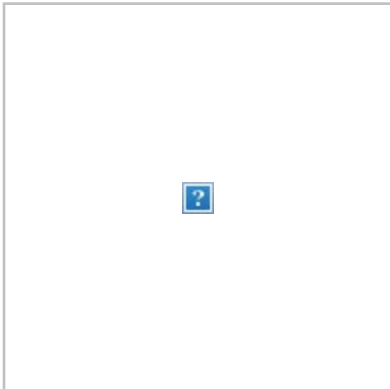
- Challenges your patients have faced
- Patients who were inappropriately disenrolled, or who couldn't navigate the redetermination process
- Paperwork and administrative barriers, language barriers, and other red tape burdens making it difficult for families to keep their coverage
- Activities your practice or system has implemented to respond to the Unwinding, such as hiring or reallocating staff to support families in navigating redeterminations
- Financial impacts on your practice or system, such as changes in utilization, held claims, or free care

MDAAP MEMBER LOGIN PAGE - Upcoming Meeting Registration Links, Archived Webinar Recordings, Meeting Notes, Etc.!

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After completing the "New User Registration" questions, you will receive an email from the "MDAAP Membership Admin" stating your account is pending approval. Once approved, you will receive another email stating "Your registration for MDAAP Member Access has been approved."



As an MDAAP member, do you know you can post a job ad for free? Email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner loretta@mdaap.org for details.

See <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/> for more details!

Dundalk Pediatric Associates looking for BC/BE Pediatrician to join our team: DPA is an innovative practice that stays up to date with best practices. DPA is a thriving pediatric practice in southeast Baltimore County that has been serving this community for over 50 years! New graduates are welcome to apply. Interested applicants should send their letter and CV to: Ms. Sara Hinson, Practice Administrator at shinsondundalkpeds@yahoo.com and/or Dr. Rachel Dodge at rachel.ab.dodge@gmail.com.

Thriving pediatric practice in Bel Air, MD seeking an additional provider: Currently 4 doctors, 1 pediatric NP, and 1 pediatric PA. Seeking an additional provider: preferably full time, but may consider part time. New residency grads are welcome to apply. Start date negotiable but could be immediate. No nursery coverage. No delivery coverage. No inpatient rounds. Physician partnership opportunity available. Additional Salary Information: annual bonus based on productivity. Please send resume to: Pediatric Partners, Attn: Amanda Hinkle, 604 Hoagie Drive, Bel Air, MD, 21014.

Pediatrician Wanted: Main Street Pediatrics, Baltimore, MD: Main Street Pediatrics is a physician run, two office private practice in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. We are a Lifebridge Health Community Physician practice. We are currently looking for a full-time Pediatrician to join our Towson location and a half-time Pediatrician to join our Foundry Row location. [Click here](#) for more information. If interested in the Towson position, please contact Dr Debbie Bittar at debbiebittar@gmail.com, or for the Foundry Row position, please contact Dr Sara Spinner-

Block at ssb0001@gmail.com.



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