

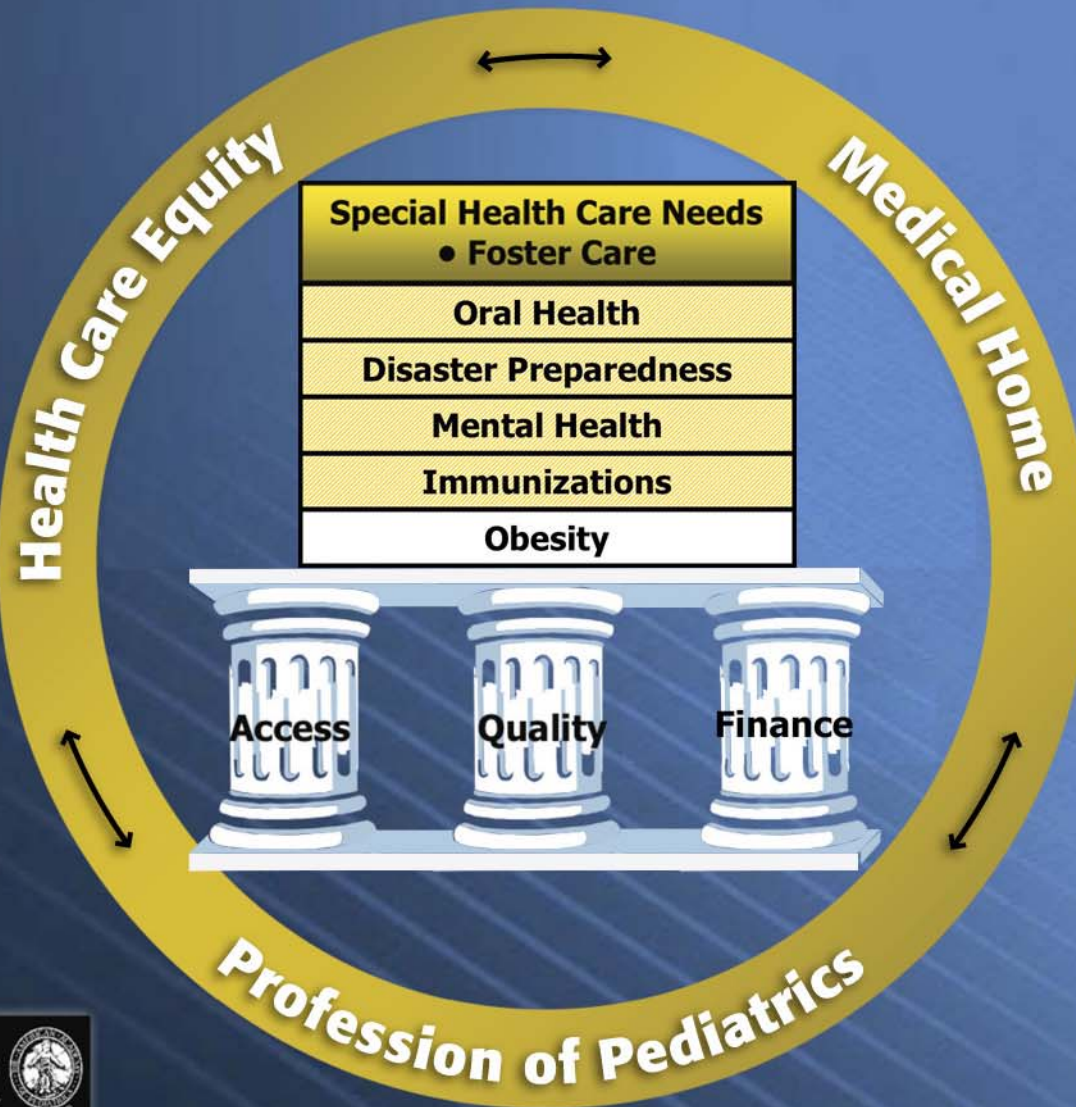


Children First! Election 2008

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DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™



Evaluate Each Proposal:

Under the Candidates' Health Care Proposal

1. Does every child receive quality health insurance?
2. Does the plan ensure adequate payment rates so that children can access care?
3. Does the plan include a comprehensive age appropriate benefits package?
4. Does the plan give families a choice of pediatric clinicians?
5. Is the benefit portable and would coverage be continuous?

Candidate Support of Key AAP Principles

	1 Every Child	2 Payment levels	3 Comprehensive Benefits	4 Pediatrician Choice	5 Portability/ Continuity
Hillary Clinton 	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
John McCain 	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Barack Obama 	Yes	Yes**	Yes	Yes	Yes

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

Every child must have quality health insurance.

- Clinton—While not a Constitutional guarantee, Senator Clinton's plan would mandate insurance coverage for every American, children and adults.
- Obama— While not a Constitutional guarantee, Senator Obama's health care plan would mandate insurance coverage for children.
- McCain—Health care coverage—for children or adults—is not guaranteed under Senator McCain's health care plan

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

Health insurance should be a right, regardless of income, for all children, pregnant women, their families, and ultimately all individuals.

- Clinton— Health insurance is guaranteed as a right within Senator Clinton's health care plan.
- Obama—Health insurance is guaranteed as a right for all children within Senator Obama's health care plan.
- McCain—Health insurance is not guaranteed as a right within Senator McCain's health care plan.

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

All health insurance plans should have a comprehensive age appropriate benefits package such as that of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- Clinton AND Obama— It is unclear under Senator Clinton's or Senator Obama's current plan whether age appropriate benefits would be guaranteed. Both propose a Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan-style benefit program, as well as expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which do not necessarily provide age appropriate benefit packages for children.
- McCain—Senator McCain's health care plan does not guarantee an age appropriate benefits package

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

All children should have access to primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, pediatric mental and dental professionals, and hospitals with appropriate pediatric expertise.

- McCain—Senator McCain's health care plan does not guarantee this access.
- Clinton—Senator Clinton's health care plan guarantees this access.
- Obama— Senator Obama's health care plan guarantees this access.

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

All health plans should have payment rates that assure that children receive all recommended and needed services.

- McCain—Senator McCain's health care plan does not guarantee payment rates that assure access to care.
- Clinton—Senator Clinton's health care plan does not guarantee payment rates that assure access to care. She has, however, authored legislation in the Senate that includes formation of a commission to look at Medicaid payment.
- Obama— Senator Obama's health plan does not guarantee payment rates that assure access to care, but he states that primary care providers would see "improved reimbursement" under his health care plan.

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

Health insurance should be fully portable and provide continuous coverage.

- McCain—Senator McCain's health care plan provides some guarantee for portability and continuity, allowing individuals to carry insurance from job to job and to purchase it across state lines.
- Clinton—Senator Clinton's health plan guarantees portable and continuous coverage by streamlining insurance rules across states and different markets, eliminating pre-existing condition limits, and making coverage portable for those who lose jobs or face family illnesses.
- Obama—Senator Obama's health plan guarantees portable and continuous coverage by giving all American's access to a "National Health Exchange" that they could enroll in at any time, regardless of illness or job status.

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

Health plans should complement and coordinate with existing maternal and child health programs to ensure maximum health benefits to families.

- Obama—Senator Obama's health care plan does complement and coordinate with existing maternal and child health programs to ensure maximum health benefits to families.
- McCain— There is no guarantee that Senator McCain's health care plan will complement and coordinate with existing maternal and child health programs.
- Clinton—There is no guarantee that Senator Clinton's health care plan will complement and coordinate with existing maternal and child health programs.

The candidates' plans versus the AAP Access Principles

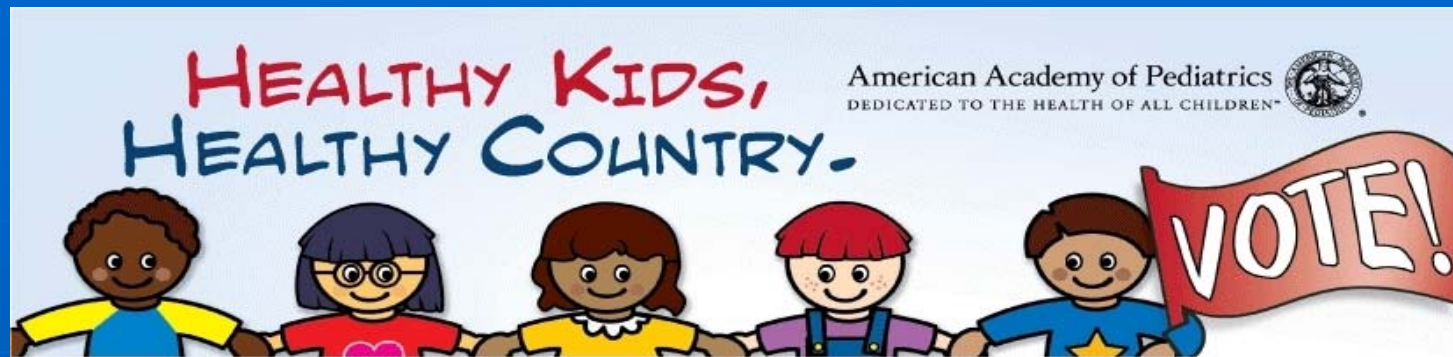
Administrative aspects should be streamlined and simplified.

There is some guarantee that administrative aspects would be streamlined and simplified in all candidate's plans

Families should have a choice of clinician(s).

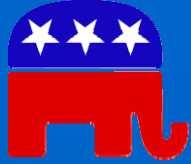
All candidate health care plans give families a choice of clinicians.





Learn more about the front running candidates' and their health plans in the following pages:

- Access to Health Care: AAP Principles on Access
- A Brief Summary of the Candidates' Health Care Plans
- AAP Principles on Access & The Candidates' Health Care Plans: A Comparison



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2008 Elections!

November 4, 2008

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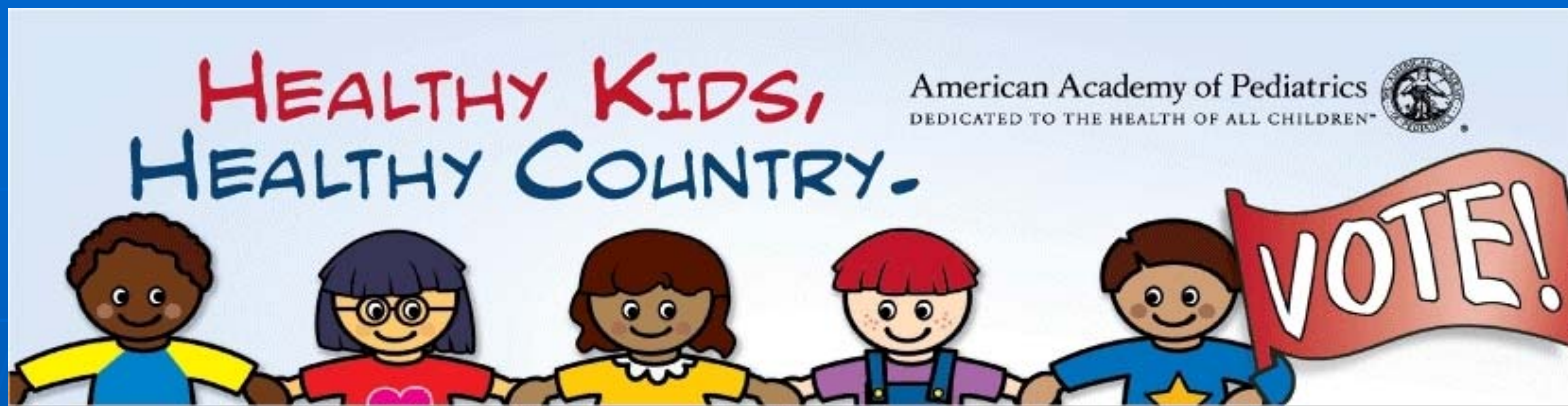
All of the House of
Representatives



Who's for Kids and Who's just Kidding?

- Review the candidate voting records on children's issues
 - www.govtrack.us/congress
 - www.senate.gov/legislature
 - www.thomas.loc.gov
- Organize/attend town hall meeting and bring emphasis to children's issues





- **Important Election-Related Dates**
- **Election Resources**
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