

POLICY INITIATIVES



INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL CHILDREN

Availability of health services in child's community: Primary and specialty care, dental, vision, school-based and in-home supports

Quality of care: statewide quality measures tied to national standards; properly resourced medical homes, linguistic/culturally appropriate care

Affordability: Public and private insurance coverage and adequate reimbursement rates for care and medications

Navigation: Child- and family-centered strategies to coordinate care, especially for medically complex

BARRIERS

Coverage/ Reimbursement

Inadequate reimbursement rates and/or coverage for necessary care in private and public insurance exacerbate access challenges.

Use of Telehealth Technology

Insufficient use of technology to ease access challenges for populations that are geographically or otherwise isolated from health services.

Healthcare Professional Shortages

Healthcare workforce is inadequate to address needs of populations in rural and some urban areas, including health specialties as well as racial, cultural, and linguistic competencies.

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- Address the legal barriers to implementation, such as the requirement that physicians must be in the room with a child to provide care
- Address quality, consistency of care
- Expand types of providers who can be reimbursed and the variety of settings where they can work (e.g. community health workers, CADCs, case managers, etc.)
- Address the legal barriers to implementation, such as the requirement that physicians must be in the room with a child to provide care
- Build infrastructure in areas of state to allow for telehealth service provision
- Increase coverage/reimbursement for telehealth services
- Make sure healthcare providers are trained in telehealth and have the tools to successfully meet the needs of children and their families
- Grow interest through incentives/tuition support for child health fields, such as: Advance Practice Nurse certification and behavioral health specialists
- More training/certification for community health workers, mid-level providers
- Increase urban/rural funding in shortage areas for FQHCs