



## Building A Healthy Future Together

### Maryland Chapter | American Academy of Pediatrics

#### Why should you join the MDAAP?

##### **ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN**

The MDAAP is the voice of children in the Maryland General Assembly. The MDAAP will keep you informed about legislation affecting your patients – and with your help, we can bring expertise needed to move legislation forward. In 2019, the MDAAP supported legislation that would:

- Prohibit deductibles and copayments on insulin
- Ban tanning beds for minors
- Require schools to provide pediatric stroke awareness education
- Allow minors to consent for HIV PrEP
- Change the state action level for case management of lead poisoning from 10mcg/dL to 5mcg/dL

##### **ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PROFESSION**

The MDAAP is your voice at the table in the Maryland Department of Health, Maryland General Assembly, and other advisory boards. In addition, our MDAAP Pediatric Council assists with issues of access to care, quality of care, and physician payment. The MDAAP has recently tackled these issues:

- Met with the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) to recognize issues related to pediatric inpatient services and integration of pediatric care in the community
- Supported legislation to establish a Maternal and Child Health Task force to help HSCRC create policies that will incentivize prevention of and early intervention for pediatric illness and community-based models of care
- Wrote letter to Governor Hogan requesting E & M Code reimbursement be increased to parity with Medicare

##### **DEVELOP YOUR CAREER AND LEADERSHIP NETWORKS**

The MDAAP can help you build your professional networks throughout the State and connect you to relevant stakeholders. Here is how you can develop professionally with the MDAAP:

- Lead committees at the State level
- Learn about leadership opportunities at the National American Academy of Pediatrics
- Develop collaborations outside your practice