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New federal law expands Medicaid eligibility

Under a federal law that takes effect in July, state officials will have new requirements and options to expand Medicaid eligibility to previously uncovered children and pregnant women. 1

Child health issues raised in '88 campaign

The 1988 U.S. presidential campaign presents a unique opportunity to bring child health issues into the national spotlight. AAP and other child health proponents have been working to place children's health at the top of the political agenda. 1

AAP Candidates cite their qualifications

The National Nominating Committee has named Arthur Maron, M.D., and Birt Harvey, M.D., as candidates for AAP vice president. In this article, the third of four concerning the election, the candidates outline their qualifications for office. 1

Project to provide AIDS education curriculum

About 2,100 rural schools will benefit this year from a project intended to provide effective AIDS education to children in rural schools. 2

Medicine lacks ways to assess, improve quality

Although the ability to evaluate the quality of health care services is becoming more and more important, the medical profession still lacks a methodology to determine the quality of care it provides, Donald Berwick, M.D., says. 2

Expert calls Medicaid, Medicare programs 'antiques'

Radical changes are needed in the Medicare and Medicaid programs before AAP leaders will be able to obtain adequate health care financing for poor children, a health policy consultant says. 2

Results in from periodic survey

The findings of a recent AAP survey show pediatricians' perceptions of their involvement with alternative delivery systems, school-based clinics and child abuse issues. 3

Saves time, money

The new AAP periodic surveys should save time, money and yield better results, an AAP official said. "Doctors are overwhelmed with surveys from the Academy, the AMA and drug companies. By combining studies, the Academy is putting less demand on the doctors," the official said. 3

AIDS task force: Education seems the first priority

The AAP Task Force on Pediatric AIDS recently reviewed the recommendations of the Surgeon General's Workshop on Children with HIV Infection and Their Families. One set of recommendations is reprinted, along with a commentary by an AAP task force member. 3

Are you prepared to treat teens? 5

Grass-roots efforts cut infant deaths

A panel discussion and several individual presentations on infant mortality highlighted the topics discussed by District VII leaders at their recent meeting in Cozumel, Mexico. 5

District IV plans on increasing lobbying efforts

District IV leaders will be focusing their attention during the next year on coordinating their legislative efforts across state lines, District IV Chairman Robert Grayson, M.D., says. 5

AMA delegates support changes in government food program

The AMA House of Delegates approved two AAP-sponsored resolutions concerning the federal Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) during their Interim Meeting, held Dec. 5-9. 6

Spring events focus on international and rural issues

International health and rural health care will be the focus of two events being cosponsored by the Academy this spring — World Health Day, April 7, and the Annual National Conference on Rural Health, May 19-22. 6

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Committees offer special events during Spring Session

A variety of committee workshops, seminars and special events are planned for the AAP Spring Session, including a program that will examine the health needs of homeless children. 20

Popular literature misleads parents, allergist says

Gary Rachelefsky, M.D., FAAP, will lead a workshop in the fact and fiction of food allergies at the AAP Continuing Medical Education (CME) course, "Pediatrics in Progress," April 22 to 24 in Las Vegas. 21

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Teens lack accurate information on AIDS, expert says

At the AAP Continuing Medical Education (CME) course, "Advances in Pediatrics II," April 28-30, S. Jean Emans, M.D., FAAP, will discuss the risks adolescents face of developing AIDS. 22

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Jeanette Chang, M.D., FAAP, had a patient who refused to "grow up." She said "I kept telling him 'Richard, you are 28 years old ... You'll be married soon. I can't keep treating you forever.'" Dr. Chang and Daniel Shea, M.D., FAAP, provide advice on how to counsel older patients who have outgrown the pediatric setting. 5

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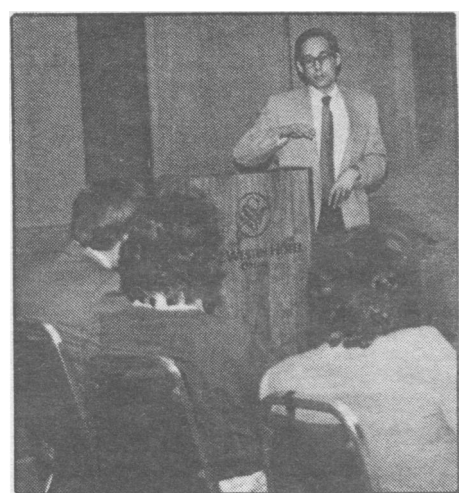
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