2024 Policy Agenda
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Top Priorities

Recruit, Retain and Support Healthcare Workforce Adequacy: NCPeds strongly supports medical teams and access by children to a full range of health care services. NCPeds supports development of sustained and strategic actions at every point of the health workforce pathway. Examples of strategies include reducing administrative burden, increasing rates (including continuation of Primary Care Payment Reform Task Force), recruiting candidates from rural areas and diverse populations, using Graduate Medical Education Funds strategically, growing preceptor opportunities, preventing burnout including due to administrative burden and promoting telehealth with strong ties to the medical home.

Assure that Medicaid Standard Plans and Tailored Plans work for kids, including children and youth in foster care: NCPeds supports a strong Medicaid program that works well for the more than 1 million children and their families covered by Medicaid. One key priority is the development of a strong and appropriate Specialized Plan for children and youth in/leaving foster care and their families, including the need for one single statewide Plan to minimize disruption when children are placed in different regions of the state. Until that happens, current SP and TP need to work well for children and youth in foster care. Roll-out of Tailored Plans need to be smooth with strong networks for patients, administrative ease for PCP, and accessible care management for patients with communication structures with PCP.

Also Support

- Restoring state funding of $500,000 for Reach Out and Read
- Advancing strategies to reduce vaping and tobacco use
- Addressing social determinants of health, such as access to healthy foods
- Promoting firearm safety, including safe storage