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Principles to Reduce Disparities and Promote Equity in Children's Health Care

These principles are intended to frame the health equity universal principle found on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Agenda for Children. The principles will serve to communicate AAP's commitment to reducing disparities and promoting equity in children's health care, as well as guide work in this area.

- 1) All children have equal access to high quality health services within a medical home that includes primary care, subspecialty services, emergency medical services, and hospital care.
- 2) The social, behavioral, and environmental determinants that affect children's health and development are addressed by all child health care professionals.
- 3) Child health care professionals deliver care in a culturally effective manner that addresses the unique health and family needs of each child.
- 4) Child health care professionals deliver care based on the best available evidence.
- 5) Child health care professionals advocate for identification and elimination of barriers that contribute to disparities and impede equity.
- 6) Child health care is delivered using language that the patient and his/her family understand.
- 7) Child health care delivery settings are welcoming and reflect the diverse community of the populations served.
- 8) Delivering culturally effective care is included in training for all health professionals.
- 9) The child health care workforce is diverse and reflective of the child population.
- 10) Child health care services are evaluated using access, quality and outcome measures stratified by insurance status, race and ethnicity, language, and socio-economic status.

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