

Government Affairs and Clinical Practice
2020 AACAP Major Actions and Documents Chronology
(Association communications noted by *)

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-on Letter with AACAP* and 47 other medical and mental health organizations, urging CDC guidance to states to include mental health and addiction treatment professionals as critical essential workers in COVID-19 vaccine administration preference. Sent to HHS Secretary Azar, dated December 18, 2020.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 28 other medical and healthcare organizations, urging the inclusion of 501 (c)(6) nonprofit associations in the Paycheck Protection Program in any upcoming legislation. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated December 15, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Letter to AAP, supporting call for manufacturers to include children in COVID-19 vaccine trials and offering AACAP assistance in reaching the public, parents, and caregivers. Sent to AAP President Goza, dated December 7.

AACAP-initiated Letter of Support to the Co-chairs of the Covid-19 Advisory Board to the Biden-Harris Transition, asking for a child and adolescent psychiatrist to be added to the Advisory Board and a focus on children's mental health in the next Administration. Sent to Co-chairs Drs. Kessler, Murthy, and Nunez-Smith, dated December 4, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter to HHS, opposing SUNSET regulatory review proposed rule. Sent to HHS Secretary Azar, dated December 4, 2020.

Joint Sign-On Letter by AACAP*, AAP, and SAHM, opposing the "Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act," (H.R. 3884). Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated December 3, 2020.

Nemours Children's Health System Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 350 other medical and mental health organizations and leaders, requesting the establishment of a White House Office on Children and Youth and a White House Conference on Children and Youth. Sent to President-Elect Biden, and Vice President-Elect Harris, dated November 18, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Action Alert, urging Senate support for the “Mental Health Services for Students Act,” (H.R. 1109, as amended and passed by the House). Sent to AACAP members, dated November 17, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letters with AACAP and 116 other medical and mental health organizations, urging CMS and Insurance Companies nationwide to implement and pay CPT Code 99072 to compensate for the additional expenses in treating patients during the pandemic. Sent to CMS Administrator Verma and heads of CIGNA, Humana, HCSC, BCBSA, Anthem, AHIP, UHG, and Aetna, dated November 10, 2020.

AACAP and APA Joint Comment Letter, to the Department of Homeland Security stating opposition to proposed changes that would threaten the status of J-1 visa holders. Sent to DHS Sr. Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel Mizelle, dated October 26, 2020.

AACAP and APA Joint Statement, expressing deep concern that parents cannot be found for 545 migrant children separated at the border. Sent October 22, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter, to the Department of Homeland Security stating opposition to proposed changes that would threaten the status of J-1 visa holders. Sent to DHS Sr. Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel Mizelle, dated October 16, 2020.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 38 other mental health organizations, expressing support for the “Improving Data Collection for Adverse Childhood Experiences Act,” (H.R. 7689). Sent to Rep. McBath (D-GA), dated October 16, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter, opposing Oregon Ballot Measure 109 “The Psilocybin Mushroom Services Program Initiative.” Sent to Secretary of State Clarno, dated October 12, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter, on Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposals for 2021. Sent to HHS CMS Administrator Verma, dated October 2, 2020.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 33 other mental health and addiction treatment professionals, expressing support for the “Eating Disorders Prevention in Schools Act,” (H.R. 6703). Sent to Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Ranking Member Foxx (R-NC), House Education and Labor Committee, and Chairman Roberts (R-KS), and Ranking Member Stabenow (D-MI), Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, dated September 30, 2020.

AACAP* -initiated Statement applauding House passage of H.R. 1109, “Mental Health Services for Students Act,” dated September 29, 2020.

AACAP* -initiated Statement raising grave concerns about and urging withdrawal of the President's Executive Order - "Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping," dated September 25, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 49 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Act," (S. 4349 and H.R. 8094), to reduce and prevent suicide and mental health conditions among health care professionals. Sent to the co-sponsors Sens. Kaine (D-VA), Cassidy, MD (R-LA), Reed (D-RI), Young (R-IN), and Reps. Rose (D-NY), Riggleman (R-VA), McKinley (R-WV), Cisneros (D-CA), Brindisi (D-NY), and Griffith (R-VA), dated September 23, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 33 other mental health organizations, in support of the "Facilitating Reforms that Offer Necessary Telehealth in Every Rural Community Act (FRONTIER)," (S. 4211). Sent to the co-sponsors Sens. Sullivan (R-AK) and Rosen (D-NV), dated September 22, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 87 other medical organizations, opposing the "Medicare Mental Health Access Act," (S. 2772 and H.R. 884), which would change the definition of physician under the Medicare program to include clinical psychologists. Sent to Chairman Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Wyden (D-OR), Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member Walden (R-OR), House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Chairman Neal (D-MA) and Ranking Member Brady (R-TX), House Ways and Means Committee, dated September 22, 2020.

AACAP* -initiated Letter in support of the "Strengthening Mental Health Supports for BIPOC Communities Act," (H.R. 8141). Sent to the co-sponsors, Reps. Cárdenas (D-CA) and Johnson (D-TX), dated September 15, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Action Alert in collaboration with the New Jersey Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, urging Governor Phil Murphy and legislators to fund the Department of Children & Families Mental Health Collaborative Care Program or the Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative, dated September 10, 2020.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition Sign-On letter with AACAP* and 50 other organizations, in support of the "Strengthening America's Families Act (SAFA)," (H.R. 7868) which would expand Infant Toddler Court Teams. Sent to the co-sponsors, Reps. DeLauro (D-CT) and Bilirakis (R-FL), rolling submission with no set date.

Kennedy Forum Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 38 other national mental health and substance use disorder organizations, urging the enactment of California State Senate Bill 855, Health Coverage of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Sent to Governor Newsom, dated September 6, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 65 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of Maternal Mental Health Hotline funding. Sent to the Chairman Blunt (R-MO), and Ranking

Member Murray (D-WA), Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, dated September 5, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Joint Sign-On Letter with coalition partners and 50 other medical organizations, urging funding for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP) in the FY 2021 appropriations bill and any final omnibus spending bill. Sent to bipartisan Senate Leadership of the Committee on Appropriations and Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies, dated August 25, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Action Alert in collaboration with the California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, urging California lawmakers to oppose AB 890, which would grant nurse practitioners independent practice, sent Aug. 20, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Action Alert in collaboration with the Greater St. Louis Regional Organization of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, urging Missouri lawmakers to oppose legislation that would place minors as young as 14-years-old in adult prison when convicted of certain crimes, sent Aug. 11, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 11 other mental health and other interested organizations, supporting the work of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act Working Group of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Sent to NAIC Chair Dzurec, and Vice Chair Beyer, dated August 3, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 113 other medical specialty organizations, opposing efforts to include surprise medical billing provisions in the next COVID-19 relief bill. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated July 29, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 93 other child health, welfare, and safety organizations, urging the immediate end of family detention and the release of all migrant children and their families. Sent to ICE Acting Director Albence, dated July 17, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Joint Statement and Press Release with APA, detailing steps necessary for safely reopening schools this Fall, dated July 15, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Letter, requesting that CMS consider making permanent certain telehealth flexibilities that have helped our members better serve their patients during the pandemic and that would provide continuity of care post-pandemic. Sent to HHS Administrator Verma, dated July 7, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 101 other medical organizations, urging HHS to waive budget neutrality requirements for new Medicare E&M office visit payments, due to COVID-19. Sent to HHS Secretary Azar, dated July 1, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Letter, expressing support for the “Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorization Act,” (S. 948 and H.R. 2895). Sent to Sens. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Collins (R-ME), and Reps. Schneider (D-IL) and Bacon (R-NE), dated July 1, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Letter, expressing support for key provisions of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act,” (H.R. 1435), on House passage. Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Pallone (D-NJ), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal (D-MA), and House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Scott (D-VA), dated June 30, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 56 other medical and mental health organizations, urging an extension and increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage during the COVID-19 national health emergency. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), dated June 25, 2020.

Sign-On Letters by AACAP and 11 other medical organizations, supporting continuation of telemedicine benefits and flexibilities beyond the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Sent separately to the National Governors Association, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and National Conference of State Legislators, dated June 24, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter, urging the immediate retraction of ACA Sec. 1557 Final Rule, dismantling protections against discrimination for patients who are transgender, LGBTQ, women, and others, in healthcare settings. Sent to HHS Secretary Azar, dated June 23, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 54 other medical and mental health organizations, urging inclusion of investments and policies to mitigate mental health and substance use-related effects of COVID-19 and the impact on patients and families, and those providing care, in any next relief package. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), dated June 22, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Action Alert* urging Congress not to change scope of practice laws for Federal health insurance programs, in opposition to H.R. 884, sent June 19, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 100 other medical organizations, urging Congress to extend eligibility for the PPP loan program to include 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations in the next COVID-19 aid package. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated June 17, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 41 other mental health organizations, urging the passage of the “National Suicide Hotline Designation Act,” (S. 2661 and H.R. 4194) designating 988 as the crisis hotline number. Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-

CA), House Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Pallone (D-NJ), and Ranking Member Walden (R-OR), dated June 17, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 112 other medical organizations, opposing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposal to expand the scope of services non-physicians furnish in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and urging CMS to uphold the role of rehabilitation physicians in delivering and overseeing care for patients (CMS-1729-P). Sent to CMS Administrator Verma, dated June 11, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 46 other mental health and substance use disorder organizations, in support of the “COVID-19 Mental Health Research Act,” (H.R. 6645). Sent to House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Pallone (D-NJ), Ranking Member Walden (R-OR), and Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Eshoo (D-CA), and Ranking Member Burgess, MD (R-TX), dated June 10, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter, urging the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to maintain regulatory flexibility in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and beyond (CMS-1744-IFC). Sent to CMS Administrator Verma, dated June 10, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 134 other medical organizations, urging Congress to include liability protections for physicians in the next COVID-19 relief package, in particular the “Coronavirus Provider Protection Act”, (H.R. 7059). Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated June 9, 2020.

AACAP Letter in support of, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) proposal to HRSA for the Supporting Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Screening and Intervention (HRSA-20-111) funding opportunity. Sent to AAP Senior Director Crane, dated June 8, 2020.

AACAP*-initiated Letter in support of, “The Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act,” (S. 3599 and H.R. 6788), calling for the recapturing of 15,000 unused visas from previous years to be made available to non-citizen international medical graduates (IMGs). Sent to the sponsors, Sens. Perdue (R-GA), and Durbin (D-IL), and Reps. Schneider (D-IL), and Cole (R-OK), dated May 22, 2020.

ACEP Joint Statement with AACAP and multiple other mental health, physician, and emergency medicine associations, supporting clinician access to needed mental health services for front-line medical professionals and other clinicians in the COVID-19 pandemic, dated May 21, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 28 other pediatric medical organizations, urging Congress to direct HHS to prioritize access to the \$75 billion provider relief fund to those who have not received relief grants, especially those in pediatric medicine. Sent to Senate Majority Leader

McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated May 13, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Action Alert* calling on Association members to offer AACAP's COVID-19 web resources for children and families and their clinical expertise to state lawmakers, dated May 13, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-on Letter with AACAP* and 48 other medical and mental health organizations, expressing strong support for the "Health Care at Home Act," (H.R. 6644), which would require group health plans and health insurers to cover telehealth services, including mental health and substance use disorder services, during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Sent to the sponsors, Reps. Schrier, MD (D-WA), and Roe, MD (R-TN), dated May 11, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Action Alert* calling on Association trainees and other members to urge Congress to fund the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Relief Program, dated May 7, 2020.

APA (Psychiatry) Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 10 other psychiatric organizations, urging USCIS to extend visas for one year, resume premium processing, and expedite approvals of extensions and status changes for non-U.S. citizen international medical graduates (IMGs) practicing or otherwise lawfully present in the U.S. Sent to Acting Director USCIS Cuccinelli, dated May 1, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Action Alert* calling on Association members to urge Congress to support legislation that would achieve ERISA plan payment for telehealth services on par with in-office services, dated April 27, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 42 other medical and mental health organizations, calling for ERISA coverage of telehealth services in any additional COVID-19 relief package. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), and the committees of jurisdiction, dated April 30, 2020.

APA (Psychiatry) Sign-On Letter and White Paper with AACAP, AAAP, ACAAM, ASAM, AMERSA, and ISAM, addressing resource limitations in confronting opioid use disorder nationally. Sent to Special Masters Cohen and Yanni, and Members of the Settlement Groups for the MDL *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Clients*, dated April 27, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 197 other children, youth, and family organizations, urging that any additional COVID-19 relief package cover children in mixed-immigration status families and address DACA recipients and families. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated April 17, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 137 other medical organizations, urging Congress to take multiple recommended actions to protect patients, physicians, and the public in any additional COVID-19 relief package. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA) and all members of Congress, dated April 15, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 37 other medical and dental associations, urging that emergency financial relief for 501(c)(6) tax-exempt medical and dental trade associations impacted by COVID-19 be included in any next legislative package or supplemental appropriations bills. Sent to bipartisan Senate and House leadership of the Small Business Committees, dated April 13, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 103 other medical specialty organizations, recommending telemedicine guidelines for member companies and licensees to harmonize the disparate requirements physicians are facing during the COVID-19 national emergency. Sent to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Vice President, Medical Affairs and Interim Chief Medical Officer Nelson, dated April 13, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 104 other medical specialty organizations, recommending telemedicine guidelines for member companies and licensees to harmonize the disparate requirements physicians are facing during the COVID-19 national emergency. Sent to America's Health Insurance Plans President and CEO Eyles, dated April 13, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 134 other medical specialty organizations, urging HHS to provide one month of billing revenue to each physician (MD or DO) enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid to replace financial losses and non-reimbursable expenses due to COVID-19. Sent to HHS Secretary Azar, dated April 7, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Comment Letter on Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research. Sent to Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Assistant Director for Academic Engagement Nichols, dated April 1, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 199 other medical and mental health organizations, asking Congress to provide \$50 million in funding for U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health, to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and morbidity prevention. Sent to bipartisan Senate and House Leadership of the Committees on Appropriations and Subcommittees on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies, dated March 30, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 53 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting temporarily lifting restrictions on telebehavioral health at all

levels of care by telephone or video for individuals regardless of insurance plan and ensure payment parity until the conclusion of the COVID-19 national emergency. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated March 25, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 53 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting states temporarily lift restrictions on telebehavioral health at all levels of care by telephone or video for individuals regardless of insurance plan and ensure payment parity until the conclusion of the COVID-19 national emergency. Sent to National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Webb, and Bradstreet, dated March 25, 2020.

AMA Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 116 other medical specialty organizations, urging that medical practices and their immediate public health and PPE needs be addressed in the third stimulus package related to COVID-19. Sent to Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated March 25, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 49 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting \$50 million in funding for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program in the Senate and House Fiscal Year 2021 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Sent to bipartisan Senate and House Leadership of the Committees on Appropriations and Subcommittees on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies, dated March 24, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 27 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting \$180 million in funding for the Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program in the Senate and House Fiscal Year 2021 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Sent to bipartisan Senate and House Leadership of the Committees on Appropriations and Subcommittees on Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies, dated March 23, 2020.

Human Rights Campaign Release with AACAP* and 9 other medical and education associations, expressing alarm at increased state legislation that would directly harm and discriminate against transgender people, especially children. Sent to various state lawmakers, dated March 19, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 20 other medical specialty associations, urging twice weekly Federal updates for physician groups on COVID-19 by HHS. Sent to HHS Asst. Sec. for Preparedness and Response, Kadlec, dated March 18, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 23 other medical specialty and dental associations, urging inclusion of tax-exempt organizations in federal aid packages or supplemental appropriations measures, due to real and potential losses as a result of COVID-19. Sent to Senate Majority

Leader McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated March 13, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 43 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the government to address the cognitive and mental health dimensions of the possible Coronavirus public health crisis. Sent to Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Azar, CDC Director Redfield, and NIAID Director Fauci, dated March 5, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 40 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting oversight hearings and evaluation of the impact of the sharing of confidential therapy records on detained children as carried out by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Sent to Chairman Johnson (R-WI), and Ranking Member Peters (D-MI), Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Chairman Thompson (D-MS), and Ranking Member Rogers (R-MI), House Committee on Homeland Security, and Chairwoman Maloney (D-NY), and Ranking Member Jordan (R-OH), House Committee on Oversight and Reform, dated February 28, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Letter condemning recent actions by Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that released confidential medical information into deportation proceedings. Sent to ORR Director Hayes and ICE Acting Director Albence, dated February 18, 2020.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 43 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed rule, "Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018." Sent to FCC Chairman Pai, dated February 14, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 26 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of "The Nutrition Counseling Aiding Recovery for Eating Disorders Act (Nutrition CARE Act of 2019)", (S. 2907 and H.R. 3711). Sent to Chairman Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Wyden (D-OR), Senate Committee on Finance; Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member Walden (R-OR), House Energy and Commerce Committee; and Chairman Neal (D-MA) and Ranking Member Brady (R-TX), House Ways and Means Committee, dated February 4, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 62 other state medical and national medical specialty organizations, urging the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to withdraw the proposed rule on Medicaid Fiscal Accountability and work with us on alternatives to ensure efficient use of taxpayer dollars and protect patient access to Medicaid services. Sent to CMS HHS Administrator Verma, dated February 1, 2020.

AACAP-initiated Letter with the Nebraska Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, expressing strong opposition to LB817 that would establish a state licensure to allow

psychologists to prescribe. Sent to NE State Sen. and HHS Committee Chairperson Howard, dated January 23, 2020.

Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 99 other medical and mental health organizations, responding to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) request for comments and suggestions for improvements, particularly with regard to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Physician Assistants. Sent to CMS HHS Administrator Verma, dated January 17, 2020.

AACAP* endorsed the “Primary and Behavioral Health Care Access Act” by Rep. Underwood (D-IL), dated January 8, 2020.