

Government Affairs and Clinical Practice
2023 AACAP Major Actions and Documents Chronology

As of September 25, 2023
(Association communications noted by *)

AACAP* Comment Letter, in response to Exploring Congress' Framework for the Future of AI, on the potential advantages and drawbacks of AI in the health care system. Sent to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Ranking Member Cassidy, dated September 22, 2023.

AACAP Comment letter on Medicare and Medicaid Programs 2024 Payment Policies. Sent to HHS Administrator Brooks-LaSure, dated September 11, 2023.

AACAP comment letter on Soliciting Data on the Impact of Telehealth Initiation of Controlled Substances Permitted Under COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Sent to National Institute on Drug Abuse Director, Office of Science Policy and Communications Hobin, dated August 30, 2023.

AACAP comment letter on Psychedelic Drugs: Considerations for Clinical Investigations Guidance for Industry. Sent to FDA Associate Commissioner for Policy Roth, dated August 25, 2023.

AACAP* letter in response to the FDA's request for information on the regulation of cannabidiol (CBD). Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chair McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone, and Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Chair Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy, dated August 18, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 40 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Barriers to Suicide Act of 2023 (HR 3759). Sent to the sponsors Reps. Beyer (D-VA) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA), dated July 21, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 211 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act (S 1409). Sent to Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell, and Senate Committee on Commerce, Justice, and Transportation Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz, dated July 18, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 42 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of increased funding for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for FY 2024. Sent to House Committee on Appropriations Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro and Senate Committee on Appropriations Chair Murray and Vice Chair Collins, dated July 17, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 23 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of a 5% set aside for prevention and early intervention services in the Community Health Services Block Grant. Sent to House Committee on Appropriations Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro and Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Chair Aderholt, dated July 13, 2023.

AACAP* Letter responding to the Request for Information on the ongoing stimulant medication shortage. Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chair McMorris Rodgers and Senate Committee on Finance Ranking Member Crapo, dated July 7, 2023.

AACAP Letter in support of CMS proposed improvements to CHIP. Sent to HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure, dated July 3, 2023.

Children's Health Coalition Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 79 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of CMS proposed improvements to CHIP. Sent to HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure, dated July 3, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-on Letter with AACAP* and 39 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Helping Kids Cope Act (HR 2412). Sent to the sponsors, Reps. Blunt Rochester and Fitzpatrick, dated June 29, 2023.

AACAP* Letter expressing concerns with the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2023, HR 3887. Sent to House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy & Commerce Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Eshoo, dated June 20, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 40 other medical and mental health organizations, supporting the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (REDI), S 704. Sent to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Chair Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy, dated June 6, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 273 medical and mental health organizations, urging the immediate implementation of Section 701, the SERVE Act. Sent to DOD Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs Martinez-Lopez, and DOD Director Defense Health Agency Crosland, dated June 6, 2023.

AMA Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 93 other medical and metal health organizations, in opposition to the Improving Care and Access to Nurses Act, HR 2713. Sent to House Committee on Ways and Means Chair and Ranking Member, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chair and Ranking Member, dated June 1, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 41 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Mental Health Services for Students Act. Sent to Reps. Napolitano (D-CA) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA), dated May 25, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 45 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Better Mental Health Care for Americans Act. Sent to Sens. Bennet (D-CO) and Wyden (D-OR), dated May 23, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 58 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the reintroduction of the Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act. Sent to Reps. Watson Coleman (D-NJ) and Napolitano (D-CA), dated May 18, 2023.

AAP Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 64 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program. Sent to Senate and House Leadership, dated May 17, 2023.

AACAP Comment Letter on proposed rule on prior authorization, sent to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure, dated May 2, 2023.

AACAP and APA Joint Sign-On Letter urging FDA action to improve the supply of stimulant medications and to request a meeting. Sent to FDA Commissioner Califf, dated May 1, 2023.

AACAP responds to [SAMHSA Strategic Plan for 2023-2026](#), expressing support for its priorities and principles, dated April 27, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 407 other medical and mental health organizations, urging FY 2024 funding of \$61 million to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention. Sent to Senate and House Appropriations Committee Leadership, dated April 19, 2023.

AMA Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 107 other medical and mental health organizations, urging rescinding the policy of requiring office notes with all claims when a minor procedure is billed. Sent to CIGNA Chairman and CEO Cordani, dated April 18, 2023.

Joint Endorsement with AACAP and 29 other medical and mental health organizations, of the CAMH Child and Adolescent Mental and Behavioral Health Principles, dated April 5, 2023

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 66 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting \$13 million for the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program for fiscal year 2024 appropriations bill. Sent to Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education & Related Agencies Chair Baldwin (D-WI) and Ranking Member Moore Capito (R-

WVA), and House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education & Related Agencies Chair Aderholt (R-AL) and Ranking Member DeLauro (D-CT), dated April 4, 2023.

Joint Request from AACAP, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the National Association of Social Workers to the National Correct Coding Initiative to request a mechanism by which to bill for prolonged services when providing family psychotherapy, dated April 3, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 85 other medical and mental health organizations, commenting on the DEA proposed rule on telemedicine prescribing of controlled substances. Sent to DEA Administrator Milgram, dated March 31, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 66 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the DEA to withdraw the proposed rule related to induction of buprenorphine via telemedicine. Sent to US Attorney General Garland, HHS Secretary Becerra, DEA Administrator Milgram, and SAMHSA Assistant Secretary Delphin-Rittmon, dated March 29, 2023.

AACAP Letter commenting on the DEA's proposed rule authorizing "Expansion of Induction of Buprenorphine via Telemedicine Encounter". Sent to DEA Administrator Milgram, dated March 28, 2023.

AACAP Letter commenting on the DEA's proposed rule for "Telemedicine Prescribing of Controlled Substances When the Practitioner and the Patient have not had a prior in-person medical evaluation". Sent to DEA Administrator Milgram, dated March 28, 2023.

Joint Sign-on Letter with AACAP* and 22 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of \$738 million in Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the CHGME program, dated March 27, 2023.

AACAP and APA Joint Letter encouraging actions to improve the nation's supply of stimulant medications and to ask for a personal discussion. Sent to DEA Administrator Milgram, dated March 24, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group, with AACAP* and 52 other medical and mental health organizations, outlining Appropriations Recommendations for Fiscal 2024, dated March 21, 2023.

AACAP Letter to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, commending the committee for its focus on the healthcare workforce shortage. Sent to Sens. Bernard Sanders (D-VT), Committee Chair and Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Ranking Member, dated March 20, 2023.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 13 other mental health organizations, in response to the request for information on the healthcare workforce shortage. Sent to Sens. Bernard Sanders (D-VT) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA), dated March 20, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 11 other medical and mental health organizations, expressing concern about the possible reinstatement of detention of immigrant families. Sent to President Biden and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas, dated March 16, 2023.

Join Sign-on Letter with AACAP* and 44 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the reintroduction of the Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act, S 704. Sent to the sponsors, Sens. Rosen (D-NV) and Boozman (R-AR), dated March 9, 2023.

AACAP Comment Letter on Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder, RIN 0930-AA39. Sent to HHS Secretary Becerra, dated March 1, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 42 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the reintroduction of the Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act, HR 1202. Sent to the sponsors Reps. Babin (R-TX) and Houlahan (D-PA), dated March 1, 2023.

The Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 42 other medical and mental health organizations, congratulating the bipartisan partnership in co-chairing the Congressional Mental Health Caucus (Caucus) in the 118th Congress. Sent to Reps. Grace Napolitano (D-CA) and Chris Stewart (R-UT), dated February 21, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and five other national medical organizations, opposing Colorado's HB23-1071, which would allow psychologists to prescribe medication. Sent to the Colorado Senate Health & Human Services Committee, dated February 16, 2023.

AACAP Statement on the mass shooting at Michigan State University, dated February 15, 2023.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 10 other medical and mental health organizations, opposing SB-1457 allowing psychologists to prescribe medications. Sent to the Arizona State Legislature, dated February 13, 2023.

AACAP Statement in Support of President Biden's Commitment to Youth Mental Health as outlined in his Unity Agenda and in his 2023 State of the Union Address, dated February 9, 2023.

American Academy of Pediatrics Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 72 other medical and mental health organizations, providing comments on the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Sent to Secretary of Health and Human Services Becerra and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure, dated January 31, 2023.

AACAP Statement on the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023 and Mental Health Reform, dated January 3, 2023.