



Medical Home: The Best Model of Care for Children

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Medical Home Attributes

- Accessible
- Continuous
- Comprehensive
- Family-centered
- Coordinated
- Compassionate
- Culturally effective



Medical Home Values

- Comprehensive team approach
- Increased family satisfaction
- Reducing days missed at work (especially for parents of children with special health care needs)
- Lower utilization, particularly in the emergency department
- Reducing inpatient days



The American Academy of Pediatrics and “Limited Service” Clinics

- Policy statement published in Nov 2006
- AAP participation in the Wal-Mart Summit in 2006
- AAP met with various retail clinic vendors in 2006 and 2007



Concerns with RBCs

- Fragmentation of care
- Effects on quality of care
- Effective physician oversight
- Lack of a continuous, readily accessible health record
- Public health issues
- Potential increased health care costs



The Bottom Line

Care delivered in a medical home is consistently associated with better outcomes, reduced mortality, fewer hospital admissions for children with special needs, lower utilization, and improved patient compliance with recommended care.



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