

The American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter supports a comprehensive study of expanding Dr. Dynasaur coverage through age 26 regardless of income. Pediatricians have consistently supported universal insurance coverage for all children and adolescents.

Expanded coverage would greatly benefit children, adolescents and families by:

- Allowing for more access to health care means better outcomes, more preventative measures).
- Increasing access to a Medical Home which saves health care dollars as well as reducing emergency room use and improving continuity of and comprehensive care; and
- Lowering costs to families – won't have to choose between going to the doctor and buying groceries.

With all of this, the study must include:

- What impact the expansion would have on varying practices (geography, demographics, practice types, etc.); and
- What it will take to recruit and retain a work force to support this type of expansion.

We look forward to being involved in the study.

Thank you.