



What is the Medical Services Project?

Implemented in 1993 by the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP), the Medical Services Project (MSP) is a grant-funded, access to care program. The project was designed to connect Arizona's uninsured and underinsured disadvantaged children to necessary primary and specialty care. This is accomplished through a network of referral sources and health care professionals. During the 2021-2022 school year, the Medical Services Project processed over 642 referrals for services for roughly 326 children across the state. Children served through this program receive the vital care they need in an effort to avoid accessing care through emergency departments.

How Does the Medical Services Project Work?

Referral sources (i.e., school nurses, health techs, school districts, medical offices, Head Start programs and county health departments) identify children who are eligible for MSP and refer them to AzAAP for services. AzAAP connects them with generous local health care professionals (i.e., pediatricians, family practitioners, specialists and nurses) who agree to accept MSP referrals for a program-assigned fee of up to \$10.00 as payment-in-full for each office visit. Services include primary and specialty care office exams, oral health care, radiology, laboratory services, prescription medications, corrective eyewear and many other types of services.

Who Qualifies?

Eligible children must be uninsured or underinsured and their household income may not exceed 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. Children with Emergency Only AHCCCS may still qualify for MSP services, and in some cases, insured children may be eligible for services not covered by their insurance plan. Medical Services Project does not collect any information on residency status.

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