The Enhanced Medical Home:
Improving child outcomes through comprehensive health care delivery

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Objectives

- To define an Enhanced Medical Home and differentiate it from the traditional pediatric medical home
- To discuss areas where more evidence is needed to support the medical home model
- To describe a statewide model
- To review current health policy that affects the medical home model
CHF Mission Statement

- The Children’s Health Fund (CHF) is committed to providing health care to the nation’s most medically underserved children and their families through the development and support of innovative primary care medical programs, response to public health crises, and the promotion of guaranteed access to appropriate health care for all children.
CHF’s first mobile clinic (circa, 1987)
Prototypical CHF mobile clinic design
The Pediatric Medical Home

- Originally defined (1960s) by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to address the needs of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

- AAP Task Force on the Future of Pediatric Education expanded its recommendation to include all children (*Pediatrics* 2000; 105:163-212)
Definition

“…not a building, house, or hospital but an approach to providing care in a high-quality, cost-effective manner.”

(AAP. The medical home. Available at: www.medicalhome.org; 2004)
The Medical Home Model

- Accessible;
- Continuous;
- Comprehensive;
- Family-centered;
- Coordinated;
- Compassionate;
- And Culturally effective
The Pediatric Medical Home

- Comprehensive primary care
- Prevention-focused
- Acute & chronic care management
- Health education
- Subspecialty coordination
- 24/7 response system
Evidence for…

- “International and within-nation studies indicate that a relationship with a medical home is associated with better health, on both the individual and population levels, with lower overall costs of care and with reductions in disparities in health between socially disadvantaged subpopulations and more socially advantaged populations. Although important in facilitating use overall, insurance does not guarantee a medical home.”

(Starfield B, Shi L. The medical home, access to care, and insurance: a review of evidence. *Pediatrics* 2004; 113 (5):1493-1498.)
Future studies…

“The evidence provides moderate support for the hypothesis that medical homes provide improved health-related outcomes for children with special health care needs. Additional studies with comparison groups encompassing all or most of the attributes of the medical home need to be undertaken.”