



# Advancing Care for Exceptional (ACE) Kids Act

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- Creates **health homes option** tailored to children with medical complexity.
- Provides **state incentives** for participation: enhanced federal matching funds 15% above state's current match, not to exceed 90% for two quarters for health home services.
- Requires **data and quality measure reporting** for states and health homes.
- Allows **new payment models** that better align payment with best outcomes.
- Includes **national definition** for children with medically complex conditions.

**Effective on October 1, 2022**



# ACE Kids Legislation: Implementation Update

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**We're seeing some progress in adoption of ACE Kids legislation and pilots.**

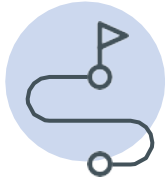
Currently represent a relatively small proportion of overall CMC initiatives nationally.

- Utah receiving ACE Kids planning grant
- Early legislation to opt in **Colorado** before law enacted.
- Legislation to opt in recently enacted in **Florida and Washington.**
- Pilot project in **Texas** to develop a program “substantially similar” to ACE Kids.
- Pilot in **Missouri** provides \$1.5M for a pilot to reduce hospital and ED use and improve quality of life for CMC using a team-based model.
- Discussions in a few additional states.

**To date, no state has submitted SPA to CMS to participate .**

# Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act

## The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act would:



Create a new pathway for pediatric providers to enroll in multiple state Medicaid programs if certain requirements are met, including being in the lowest category for potential program integrity issues and enrolled in their home state's Medicaid program.



Focus only on provider screening and enrollment, and not on authorization of care by an out-of-state provider nor payment rates for such care, leaving both issues within the purview of state Medicaid agencies.



Improve children's timely access to essential health care and eliminate administrative burdens for providers and states and delays in care.

Enact the  
Accelerating Kids'  
Access to Care Act  
(S. 2372/H.R. 4758)  
this year.

- CBO score reduced from \$7B to \$218M over ten years. Passed out of House committee.
- The bill is led by Sens. Grassley, R-Iowa, and Bennet, D-Colo., and Reps. Trahan, D-Mass, and Miller-Meeke, R-Iowa, and a growing list of bipartisan supporters.