



Leadership conference: Top 10 resolutions focus on vulnerable children, misinformation, payment and more

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Recognizing transgender patients and providing gender affirming care (GAC) was voted the top resolution by attendees of the 2025 AAP Leadership Conference.

The resolution was sponsored by California Chapter 2 and asks the Academy to reaffirm its commitment to advocating for federal protection of GAC for both patients and their doctors, including payment for medical services.

The resolution was crafted in response to an executive order from President Donald J. Trump that declared there are only two sexes. The White House refers to GAC as “chemical and surgical mutilation” and orders the government not to “fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support” GAC.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court [ruled](#) in favor of a Tennessee law restricting certain medical treatments for transgender minors in *United States v. Skrmetti*. The Academy led an [amicus brief](#) alongside other leading medical organizations highlighting the groups’ consensus position on the evidence-based standards of care for gender dysphoria in minors.

The resolution was approved by 98% of attendees at the conference. At the 2023 Leadership Conference, “Federal Protections of Gender-Affirming Care for Both Patients and Their Doctors” was similarly [voted](#) the top resolution.

The Leadership Conference took place July 31 to Aug. 3 in Itasca, Ill. During the resolution discussion, 192 eligible voting members discussed, amended and voted on the 64 resolutions that were submitted, and 50

were adopted.

After the two-day resolution process, 167 voters (87% response rate) ranked the top 10 resolutions they felt were of the utmost importance to AAP members. Resolutions provide input from AAP leaders to the Board of Directors on the direction of policies and activities.

Of the top 10 resolutions, eight were approved under a consent calendar where 33 resolutions were approved with a single vote.

1. Recognizing Transgender Patients and Providing Gender Affirming Care
2. Reinstatement of Healthcare as a Protected Area Policy from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Protection of Nuclear Family Units in Immigration Policy
3. Opposing the Deportation of Unaccompanied Children
4. Advocacy for Protection of Essential Public Services and Resources for Undocumented Children
5. Addressing the Ramifications of Misinformation
6. Educating Pediatricians About the U.S. System of Financing Healthcare to Drive Reform
7. Chapter Staffs Benefits
8. Providing Pediatric Salary Data as a Member Benefit and a Tool for Gender Pay Equity
9. Adopting a Child Rights Framework to Guide the American Academy of Pediatrics' Advocacy Strategy
10. Advocating for Artificial Intelligence Training for Pediatricians

The top 10 resolutions will be referred to the AAP Board of Directors for consideration. Other adopted resolutions will be referred to areas of the Academy with expertise on the subject.