Pediatricians fear CLIA will curtail office labs

Jan Steele-Perkins, M.D., is proud to call himself an old-fashioned pediatrician. For 22 years, he has run a successful pediatric practice out of his Westfield, Mass., home with an office telephone by his bed and the family dog greeting patients at the door. Page 1.

Home visitor program reaches out to young, inner-city mothers

Kenyatta, a 14-year-old mother, sat on a tattered love seat, inside her muggy, unair-conditioned apartment on Chicago's south side. She was cuddling her 5-month-old daughter, Caprice, who kept resisting attempts to clean an inflamed rash that covered her neck. Kenyatta is one mother visited by a unique community-based health care program. Page 1.

Healthy Children conference motivates participants

As participants headed home from the 1990 Healthy Children Conference, it was clear that a key mission had been accomplished. Page 2.

Pediatricians sound off on proposed lab regulations

Several comments have been excerpted from letters pediatricians have sent to government officials concerning proposed amendments to the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA-88). Page 4.

Public comment period for CLIA proposal ends Aug. 2

Physicians have about a month to dispute proposed federal office lab regulations before they are finalized. Page 5.

Communities reshuffle resources to improve access to care

They came from the nation's most isolated rural communities and from its roughest inner-city neighborhoods to spread a common message: you can make a difference. Page 6.

Speech aims to Inspire Healthy Children facilitators

New study names benefits of home visitor programs

Home visitor programs can significantly improve maternal and child health while helping to prevent health and developmental problems in high-risk populations, according to a new report in June Pediatrics. Page 9.

AAP soon to announce Healthy Tomorrows grants

Seventy-one proposals are being considered for 10 Healthy Tomorrows grants to be announced Aug. 1. Page 15.

Academy will release series of three child care guidebooks

The first in a series of three AAP guidebooks designed to give parents reliable information about raising healthy children will be available in April 1991. Page 15.

HHS creates new child health bureau

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has replaced the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Resources Development with the new Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Page 16.

Grants aimed at fighting substance abuse

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HHS honors two AAP staff members for access efforts

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has honored two AAP staff members for their involvement in the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Child Program, Page 19.

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