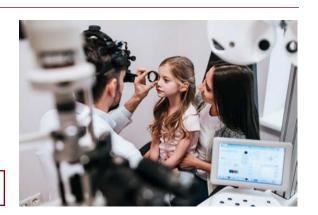
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Thursday, February 20, 2025 12:00 - 1:00 pm MST

Closing the gap in pediatric eye care: A network adequacy study



Learning objectives:

- ► Evaluate gaps in pediatric vision care networks in Arizona, focusing on disparities for Medicaid (AHCCCS) patients, rural residents, and children under 5.
- ► Analyze barriers to accessing pediatric vision care, including provider availability, bilingual services, and directory reliability.
- ▶Identify strategies to improve access to pediatric vision care for underserved populations.



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