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(Revised)

1. The States Parties to the present Convention recognize the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and to medical and rehabilitation facilities. The States Parties shall strive to ensure that no child is deprived for financial reasons of his right of access to such health care services.
2. The States Parties to the present Convention shall pursue full implementation of this right and in particular, shall take appropriate measures to:
 - (a) diminish infant and child mortality;
 - (b) ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care;
 - (c) combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care, through the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water;
 - (d) ensure appropriate health care for expectant mothers;

(e) ensure that all segments of society, in particular parents and children, are informed, and supported in the use, of basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breast-feeding, hygiene and environmental sanitation and for the prevention of accidents;

(f) develop preventive health care and family planning education and services.

3. The States Parties to the present Convention shall seek to take all effective and appropriate measures with a view to abolishing traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children.

4. States Parties to the present Convention undertake to promote and encourage international co-operation with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the right recognized in this article. In this regard, particular account shall be taken of the needs of developing countries.