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China launches new round of applications for nationwide childcare subsidies

China has launched a new application round for its national childcare subsidy program, offering eligible families 3,600 yuan (442 euro) per year for each child under three. Applications are accepted via platforms like Alipay and WeChat, with the 2025 program already benefiting over 24 million people. The government allocated 90 billion yuan (11 billion euro) from the central budget to support the initiative. **(Xinhua)**

China's health literacy rates trend upward, according to new data

China's health literacy rate reached 33.69% in 2025, continuing its steady upward trend. The urban rate was 36.68%, while the rural rate was 30.58%, with regional disparities narrowing. These findings are based on a nationwide survey of over 70,000 residents. The data reflects sustained progress in public health education across the country. **(China Daily)**

Non-invasive sound therapy boosts hope for Alzheimer's treatment

Chinese scientists have discovered that non-invasive 40-hertz sound therapy effectively clears Alzheimer's-related proteins in aged monkeys. The treatment produced a significant, long-lasting increase in waste-clearing cerebrospinal fluid, with benefits persisting five weeks post-treatment. This safe, low-cost physical intervention offers a promising alternative to current drug therapies. **(Xinhua)**

China set to establish early pregnancy clinics across 10k hospitals

China will establish early pregnancy clinics in 10,000 hospitals and add 150,000 affordable nursery slots in 2026 to support family health. The initiative includes free HPV vaccination for 13-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer. Weekend immunization services will improve vaccine accessibility nationwide. Additional efforts will expand pediatric, mental health, and integrated traditional Chinese-Western medical services. **(China Daily)**

China expands smart payment options to make medical services more accessible

China has released its fourth catalog of brand-name drugs to guide the development of generic alternatives. The list includes 21 innovative medicines in fields like oncology, neurology, and assisted reproduction. It prioritizes drugs with novel mechanisms and those addressing unmet clinical needs. This initiative aims to accelerate the availability of high-quality, affordable generic medicines. **(Xinhua)**