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November 15: [The American Academy of Nursing Calls for Swift Action to Support Vital Humanitarian Aid](#)

The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) amplifies its call for humanitarian aid in all parts of the world where armed conflict, terrorism, and violence have devastated communities, razed support networks, and most horrifically, caused injury and loss of life. [Read more.](#)

November 6: The Academy submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the proposed rule on Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting. The Academy's comments **highlighted considerations for improving the registered nurse (RN) on-site requirement, establishing nurse staffing standards, transparency of Medicaid nursing home information, and provisions on strengthening facility assessment requirements.** The Academy's [Aging Expert Panel](#) contributed to the development of this comment letter. [Read more.](#)

November 3: The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) and the Academy sent a letter to the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) regarding their **request for information on advancing nursing research in climate and health.** The Academy's [Environmental & Public Health Expert Panel](#) and the [CANS Science Committee](#) contributed to the development of the response. [Read more.](#)



Family caregivers provide the vast majority of services and supports for older adults and persons with disabilities. Caregivers represent all segments of society and all demographic groups, with over 61% of family caregivers employed outside of their caregiving responsibilities. The demand for family caregivers remains on the rise and these caregivers are somewhat invisible in our communities, our workplaces, health systems, and society. One in five households in the US are providing care and support to a person over 18. Over 53 million family members and friends are in this important role and this is a family experience across all generations and racial and ethnic groups. The Academy has been on the record urging policymakers to increase access to high-quality care for older Americans and support for family caregivers and long-term care workers. The Academy continues to emphasize

nurses' vital role in advancing support for family caregivers and providing national recommendations to support family caregivers through our policy work. Below are policy actions the Academy has taken to support family caregivers:

- The Academy signed onto a [letter](#) thanking President Biden for **prioritizing efforts to support family caregivers through Executive Order 14095** and urging him to turn the [2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#) from the bipartisan Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act ([Public Law 115-119](#)) into meaningful action by ensuring federal agencies follow through on their commitments.
 - Members of the Academy's [Aging Expert Panel](#) authored an article published in Nursing Outlook entitled "[Categorizing national caregiver recommendations to support family caregivers and address unmet needs.](#)"
 - The Academy's [Aging Expert Panel](#) hosted a policy dialogue on [Advancing Policies to Support Family Caregivers](#).
 - The Academy released a [Position Statement on Policies to Support Family Caregivers in Nursing Outlook](#). This position statement supported paid family and medical leave and the RAISE Family Caregivers Act ([Public Law 115-119](#)).
 - The Academy joined over 630 organizations in signing on to a [letter](#) supporting the **Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act (H.R.1185/S.463)**. This legislation would create a national family and medical leave insurance program to help ensure people who work can take the time they need to address serious health and caregiving needs.
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The National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- [NAM Action Collaborative Expands Its Work to Tackle Public Health Challenges of Substance Use and Overdose](#)
- [Integrating Telehealth and Traditional Care in Chronic Pain Management and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: An Action Agenda for Building the Future State of Hybrid Care](#)
- November 9: [Activating Health Professionals to Lead Climate Action](#)

The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

- November 27: [Advancing Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM Organizations: A Consensus Study \(Dissemination Event with Professional Development Hub\)](#)
 - November 30 – December 1: [Enhancing Public Access to the Results of Research Supported by the Department of Health and Human Services - A Workshop](#)
 - December 4: [Confronting Workforce Shortages and Health Worker Well-Being](#)
 - December 11: [Promoting Healthy Parenting in Primary-Care: Evidence for Vulnerable and Marginalized Pediatric Populations](#)
 - December 12-13: [Mitigating Arboviral Threats and Strengthening Public Health Preparedness: A Workshop](#)
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ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Health Workers Report Harassment, Symptoms of Poor Mental Health, and Difficult Working Conditions](#)
- [CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Launches First Federal Campaign for Hospitals to Tackle Healthcare Workers Burnout](#)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#)
- [CMS Finalizes Physician Payment Rule that Advances Health Equity](#)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- [Biden-Harris Administration Launches 'Birthing-Friendly' Designation on Web-Based Care Compare Tool](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Proposes to Protect People with Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Coverage from Predatory Marketing, Promote Healthy Competition, and Increase Access to Behavioral Health Care in the Medicare Advantage Program](#)
- [The Biden-Harris Administration is taking actions to improve the health of rural communities and help rural health care providers stay open](#)
- [HHS Issues Take Action for Adolescents: A Call to Action for Adolescent Health and Well-Being](#)
- [HHS Proposes Rule to Establish Disincentives for Health Care Providers that have Committed Information Blocking](#)



AROUND THE HILL

Based on previous positions taken by the Academy, the following scan is meant for informational purposes and does not directly translate to Academy endorsement. Links provided allow you to watch the recordings and read witness testimony.

House Committee on Energy & Commerce

- October 25: [Health Subcommittee Hearing: "Supporting Access To Long-Term Services And Supports: An Examination Of The Impacts Of Proposed Regulations On Workforce And Access To Care"](#)

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- November 15: [Subcommittee on Technology Modernization Oversight Hearing: Electronic Health Record Modernization Deep Dive: System Uptime](#)
- November 14: [Rescheduled - Subcommittee on Health Oversight Hearing: Emerging Therapies: Breakthroughs in the Battle Against Suicide?](#)

Senate Committee on Finance

- November 14: [Ensuring Medicare Beneficiary Access: A Path to Telehealth Permanency](#)

Senate Committee on Health, Education Labor & Pensions

- November 8: [Avoiding a Cautionary Tale: Policy Considerations for Artificial Intelligence in Health Care](#)
- October 31: [AI and the Future of Work: Moving Forward Together](#)

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- November 15: [VA's Fourth Mission: Supporting Our Nation's Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)
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