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January 17, 2024



January 9: The Academy, along with 62 members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) sent a letter to Congressional Leadership, as well as to House and Senate Appropriations Committees **requesting at least \$302.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and at least \$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in fiscal year 2024**, as outlined in the bill passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee. [Read more.](#)

January 8: The Academy, along with 1,103 organizations sent a letter to Congressional Leadership, **urging them to finish the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) appropriations process and adopt the bipartisan Senate funding framework as a starting point for final negotiations instead of performing funding cuts to non-defense discretionary appropriations for FY24.** [Read more.](#)

January 5: The Academy has joined an amicus brief along with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other health care organizations related to an appeal of the [August 11 amicus brief](#) in the state of Texas regarding their legislation **limiting access to gender-affirming care to individuals under the age of eighteen.** [Read more.](#)

December 13: The Academy has joined an amicus brief along with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other health care organizations challenging the state of Arkansas's legislation **limiting access to gender-affirming care to individuals under the age of eighteen.** [Read more.](#)





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January 24 | 12:30-2:00 PM ET
2023-2024 Policy Dialogue Series

Dual Crises: The Intersection Between Housing and Health Equity

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POLICY SPOTLIGHT



**Eddie Bernice
Johnson**

MPA, RN

Congresswoman
United States
House of Representatives

2020
INDUCTION



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, MPA, RN, the 2019 American Academy of Nursing Legacy Award Recipient, [recently passed away](#). A nursing icon, Congresswoman Johnson was inducted into the Academy in 2020 in recognition of her five decades in public service. Congresswoman Johnson was a true pioneer and trailblazer of

the nursing profession having served as the first female African-American Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the Veterans Health Administration in Dallas, TX, a legislative leader in the State of Texas's House and Senate, the first nurse to be elected to the U.S. Congress, and a longtime contributor to legislation promoting STEM among women and girls. She is well known for her dedication to improving human rights and advocating for children and families. Congresswoman Johnson authored and co-authored more than 170 bills that became law. View the late Congresswoman's 2020 induction video [here](#).



The Board approved the following Policy Dialogue Proposals, which were submitted by the Academy's Expert Panels.

Policy Priority Area: Increase Accessibility to All Forms of Health Care

[Military & Veterans Expert Panel](#)

This policy dialogue proposal focused on addressing the challenges impacting the health and wellness needs of military/veteran service members and their families.

Policy Priority Area: Promote High-Impact Advances in Practice, Innovation, and Science

[Informatics & Technology Expert Panel](#)

This policy dialogue proposal focused on engaging internationally-recognized experts in technology, bioethics, quality, and safety in a discussion addressing the challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare and nursing.

[Trauma & Violence Expert Panel](#)

This policy dialogue proposal discussed the policy issues outlining the key components and structures between the intersection of nursing and cybersecurity that aim to address challenges at every stage of life, from childhood to older adulthood.

Policy Priority Area: Build Capacity to Support Nurses and Health Care Providers

[Building Healthcare System Excellence Expert Panel](#)

This policy dialogue proposal focused on exploring strategies from experts about virtual nursing and policy implications on nursing and the healthcare environment that must be considered as new virtual nursing models of care and technology-assisted nursing care continue to evolve.



The National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- January 30-31: [Harm Reduction Services for People Who Use Drugs: Exploring Data Collection, Evidence Gaps, and Research Needs – A Workshop](#)

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

- January 10: [Assessment of NIH Research on Women's Health: Meeting 2 \(Part 2\)](#)
- January 11: [Public Release: Sustaining Essential Health Care Services Related to Intimate Partner Violence During Public Health Emergencies](#)
- January 18: [Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID - Committee Meeting 7](#)
- January 25-26: [Assessment of NIH Research on Women's Health: Meeting 2 \(Part 3\)](#)
- January 29-30: [Evaluating the Effects of Opioids and Benzodiazepines on All-Cause Mortality in Veterans \(Meeting 8\)](#)
- January 29-30: [Advancing Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEMM Organizations: Current Context and Challenges - Workshop](#)
- January 30: [TRB Webinar: Transportation for People with Disabilities and Older Adults in COVID-19](#)
- January 31: [The Use of Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research - Meeting 3](#)
- February 5: [Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID - Committee Meeting 8](#)
- February 14: [Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Youth through Health Care System Transformation Committee Meeting 6](#)
- February 16-17: [Aging, Functioning, and Rehabilitation: A Workshop](#)



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Seniors in Care Facilities Have More Protection Available This Year: CDC Encourages Vaccination Against Flu, COVID-19 and RSV](#)

Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Meeting with Long-Term Care Facility Leaders](#)
- [HHS and GSA Update Guidelines for Federal Safety Stations to Improve Health and Safety, Facilitate Overdose Prevention](#)
- [Guiding Principles Help Healthcare Community Address Potential Bias Resulting from Algorithms](#)
- [HHS to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes with New CMS Care Model that Expands Access to Services, Other Proven Maternal Health Approaches](#)
- [FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Voluntary Commitments from Leading Healthcare Companies to Harness the Potential and Manage the Risks Posed by AI](#)
- [HHS Finalizes Rule to Advance Health IT Interoperability and Algorithm Transparency](#)
- [HHS Provides Critical Tools to Help Improve Access for Millions who Receive Medicaid Home and Community-based Services](#)
- [HHS Marks Major Milestone for Nationwide Health Data Exchange](#)
- [Readout of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra's Meeting with LGBTQI+ Leaders to Discuss Health Equity](#)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Action to Increase Naloxone Access in Federal Facilities Across the Nation](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Calls on Housing Community to Help Expand Access to Life-Saving Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications Like Naloxone](#)

National Institute of Health (NIH)

- [Biomedical STI prevention evidence is inadequate for cisgender women](#)
- [NIH research identifies opportunities to improve future HIV vaccine candidates](#)
- [Reported drug use among adolescents continued to hold below pre-pandemic levels in 2023](#)



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 Education & the Workforce

- January 11: [Lowering Costs and Increasing Access to Health Care with Employer-Driven Innovation](#)

House Committee on Energy & Commerce

- December 13, 2023: [Full Committee Hearing: "Leveraging Agency Expertise To Foster American AI Leadership And Innovation"](#)

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- January 11: [Full Committee Oversight Hearing: "Rural Access: Is VA Meeting All Veterans Where They Live?"](#)

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