NAM Scholar Application Deadline Extended

Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence

APPLY TODAY

Applications Due January 13, 2020

ACADEMY IN ACTION

- November 22: The Academy signed on to an amicus brief informing the Court of Appeals the public health impact of the "Public Charge Rule," which would require immigrants to prove their ability to pay for their own health care in order to be eligible to obtain a green card or other permanent status. Read more.
- December 3: The Academy signed on to an amicus brief, led by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, to the Supreme Court urging them to invalidate an admitting privileges requirement. Read more.
- December 9: Along with 10 other nursing organizations, the Academy wrote to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission requesting that the Commission recommend to Congress the permanent authorization of buprenorphine prescribing waivers for the three advanced practice registered nurse roles who will lose prescriptive
authority in 2023, which was authorized for five years through the SUPPORT Act. Read more.

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**Campaign for Action**

- **December 4:** Webinar: *Creating Healthier Communities: Native American Nursing Students' Experiences and the Role of Mentoring*
  - Increasing the number of Native American in the nursing workforce is essential for improving the health of this population, yet the number of Native American RN graduates is decreasing.
- **December 18:** Webinar: *Culture of Health and Nursing Education Learning Collaborative*

**Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation: Macy Faculty Scholars**

- The Foundation is now accepting applications for the tenth class of Macy Faculty Scholars, who receive up to $200,000 of salary support over two years to implement a new educational innovation in their home institutions. The deadline for applications is February 5, 2020.

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**Around the Administration**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**

- Funding Opportunity: *Improve Quality of Care and Patient Outcomes During Care Transitions*
  - AHRQ is seeking applicants to test promising health IT solutions to improve communication and care coordination during care transitions. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with a first due date of February 5, 2020.

**Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)**

- Funding Opportunity: *Maternal and Child Health Public Health Catalyst Program*
  - Applications will be accepted through January 8, 2020.
- Funding Opportunity: *Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program*
  - Applications will be accepted through February 25, 2020.

**National Council on Disability**
• Report: Quality-Adjusted Life Years and the Devaluation of Life with Disability
  • This report makes recommendations to prohibit the use of Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALY) by Medicaid and Medicare to determine cost-effectiveness of medications and treatments.

From the Federal Register

Final Rule

• CMS, HHS: Hospital Outpatient Policy Changes, Payment Rates, and Price Transparency Requirements
  • This final rule establishes requirements for hospitals to establish, update, and make public the list of standard charges for the items and services they provide.

Proposed Rule

• IRS, HHS: Transparency in Coverage
  • This proposed rule would set forth requirements for group health plans and health insurance issuers to disclose cost-sharing information upon request, including an estimate of cost-sharing liability for covered items or services furnished by a particular provider.

Congressional Hearings

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 Education & Labor

• December 4: Growing Up in Fear: How the Trump Administration's Immigration Policies are Harming Children

House Energy & Commerce

• December 4: Flu Season: U.S. Public Health Preparedness and Response
• December 10: Proposals to Achieve Universal Health Care Coverage

House Oversight and Reform

• November 19: Toxic, Forever Chemicals: A Call for Immediate Federal Action on PFAS
• December 4: The Federal Response to the Epidemic of E-Cigarette Use, Especially Among Children, and the Food and Drug Administration's Compliance Policy
• December 10: Examining the Need for Comprehensive National Paid Family and Medical Leave
• December 10: Examining Carcinogens in Talc and the Best Methods for Asbestos Detection
House Science, Space & Technology

- November 20: Fighting Flu, Saving Lives: Vaccine Science and Innovation

House Veterans Affairs

- November 20: Go-Live March 2020: The Status of EHRM Readiness

Senate Armed Services

- November 20: Biological Threats to U.S. National Security
- December 4: Servicemember, Family, and Veteran Suicides and Prevention Strategies

Senate Finance

- November 20: Alzheimer's Awareness: Barriers to Diagnosis, Treatment and Care Coordination

Senate Indian Affairs

- November 20: Recognizing the Sacrifice: Honoring a Nation's Promise to Native Veterans
- December 11: Business Meeting to Consider BADGES for Native Communities Act and Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act of 2019

Senate Judiciary

- December 17: Tackling the Opioid Crisis: A Whole-of-Government Approach

Legislative Schedule

The House will have a final week of votes the week of December 16 before concluding the 1st Session of the 116th Congress. The Senate is adjourned. Both chambers will convene the 2nd Session the week of January 6, 2020.