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The American Academy of Nursing released its [2023-2024 Policy Priorities to Advance Health Equity](#). These priorities include: Increase Accessibility to All Forms of Health Care; Promote High-Impact Advances in Practice, Innovation, and Science; and Build Capacity to Support Nurses and Other Providers. [Learn more](#).

February 10: The Academy submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the **Medicare Program; Contract Year 2024 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program and PACE proposed rule**. The proposed rule would strengthen Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage for the tens of millions of people who rely on the programs for health care coverage, improve protections for people with Medicare, expand access to behavioral health care, promote equity in coverage and make prescriptions drugs more affordable for low-income individuals. [Read more](#).

February 10: The Academy submitted comments to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) regarding the **42 CFR Part 8 Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder proposed rule**. The proposed rule plans to expand access to treatment for opioid use disorders and address longstanding barriers to treatment in regulations. [Read more](#).



- The Academy honors and recognizes Black History Month through our policy work that achieves health equity, promotes wellness, eliminates racism, and improves health care delivery. Demonstrating the organization's commitment, the Academy and its 23 Expert Panels have provided comments, letters, released statements, and published papers such as the [2022 Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan](#), [the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(WHEJAC\)](#), [Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021](#), [Gun Violence and Racism are Public Health Crises in America](#), and [American Academy of Nursing Expert Panel Consensus Statement on Inequities in the Juvenile Justice System Rooted in Systemic and Structural Racism](#). The Academy will continue to advance policies that achieve health equity. Learn more about the Academy's policy work [here](#) and its Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity work



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*The Board approved the following proposals and consensus papers, which were submitted by the Academy's Expert Panels.*

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

### **Proposal: Finding Gain in the Losses: Strategic Solutions to the Mental and Behavioral Health Crisis in Children and Youth**

[Child, Adolescent & Family](#), [Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use](#), and the [Violence](#) Expert Panels

- This consensus paper will provide specific workforce policy recommendations based on the discussion from the policy dialogue hosted in June 2022 in the following four areas: mind the gaps; services that fit; developing partnerships that empower; and building support for trauma-informed care.

### **Proposal: Reduce Noise, Decrease Health Disparities**

[Health Behavior](#) and the [Environmental & Public Health](#) Expert Panels

- This consensus paper will serve to update the Academy and the public on impactful new research regarding the effects of environmental noise on health disparities, ecology, populations, physiological changes in the body, and environmental justice issues.

### **Proposal: The Nurse's Role in a Precision Health and Patient-Centered Approach to Reducing COVID-19 Vaccination Hesitancy During Pregnancy**

[Maternal & Infant Health Expert Panel](#)

- This manuscript will explore thought-provoking ideas and collaborations of nurses to promote precision health and personalized treatment in pregnancy, particularly as it applies to COVID-19 and vaccine hesitancy.

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

### **Proposal: The Importance of Maternal-Infant Interaction Quality**

[Maternal & Infant Health](#), [Breastfeeding](#), and the [Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use](#) Expert Panels

- This consensus paper will examine current trends in nursing education and practice regarding the nurse's role in promoting high-quality maternal-infant interaction and contribute policy recommendations in this most important life development stage of children and families.

### **Proposal: Integration of Palliative Care in Management of Multiple Chronic Conditions**

[Palliative & End-of-Life Care Expert Panel](#)

- This manuscript will discuss the paradigm shift taken by the American Medical Association, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the World Health Organization among other international and national health care leadership to promote the integration of palliative care or effective symptom management in persons living with Multiple Chronic Conditions from a primary care perspective.

## Policy Priority Area: Build Capacity to Support Nurses and Other Providers

### Proposal: Growing and Diversifying the Perinatal Nursing Workforce

[Women's Health](#), [Health Equity](#), and the [Maternal & Infant Health](#) Expert Panels

- This consensus paper will provide specific workforce policy recommendations for nurses, women's health nurse practitioners, family nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and other nurses who provide perinatal care.

### Proposal: Policy Solutions Supporting High-Quality Nursing Care for the Public Good

[Quality Health Care](#) Expert Panel

- This manuscript targets evidence-based policy strategies to ensure that every American has access to the highest quality nursing care in hospitals and nursing homes.

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## American Academy of Nursing on Policy: Publications in *Nursing Outlook*

*These Board approved papers were recently published in Nursing Outlook.*

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

### Consensus Paper: [American Academy of Nursing Expert Panel Consensus Statement on Inequities in the Juvenile Justice System Rooted in Systemic and Structural Racism](#)

Expert Panels: [Child, Adolescent & Family](#), [Health Equity](#), [Psychiatric, Mental Health and Substance Use](#), and [Violence](#)

- Within the context of juvenile justice and the lens of critical race theory, this paper illuminates selected educational, environmental, legal, and healthcare policies, practices, and decisions that lead to their detrimental consequences. Recommendations for mitigating the intended and unintended barriers as experienced by youth of color are presented.

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

### Consensus Paper: [American Academy of Nursing Consensus Recommendations to Advance Policy on Nurse Well-Being](#)

Expert Panels: [Building Health Care System Excellence](#), [Global Nursing and Health](#), and [Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use](#)

- This paper provides recommendations from three Expert Panels of the American Academy of Nursing to leverage related policy in the arenas of government and professional/healthcare organizations. This paper explores avenues to transform health care work environments and advance nurse well-being and equity through key, innovative policy changes achieved through collaboration among associations, organizations, nonprofit groups, the public, and the media.



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## Policy and Politics in Nursing Scholarship

- [Applications are Now Open for the Academy Health Policy and Politics in Nursing Scholarship/Diversity Scholars Program](#). The Policy and Politics in Nursing Scholarship aims to encourage qualified doctorate and

post-doctorate nurses from historically excluded underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups who have expressed an interest in health services research and policy by providing access to mentoring and professional development opportunities to further develop their research and policy interests. One successful applicant will receive financial support for registration and travel to the Annual Research Meeting in June 2023. [Apply Today](#). **Application Deadline: Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET.**

#### National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

- **PAR-23-066:** *Research on Community Level Interventions for Firearm and Related Violence, Injury and Mortality Prevention (CLIF-VP) (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)* will support a network of research projects to develop and test interventions at the community or community organization level that aim to prevent firearm and related violence, injury and mortality. **Application Due Date: March 17, 2023.**

#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- HRSA-23-090: [The Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program \(ISTP\)](#) aims to expand the number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, counselors, nurses, and/or social workers, (including individuals completing clinical training requirements for licensure) trained to provide mental health and substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD) services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care, mental health, and SUD services, including such settings that serve pediatric populations. Applicants must propose to plan, develop, and operate a 12-month, full-time (24 months half-time) training program to provide care for individuals in need of mental health and SUD/OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The application deadline is **March 21, 2023.**

#### Health and Aging Policy Fellowship (HAPF)

- [Call for Applications for the 2023-2024 HAPF is Now Open](#). This one-year Fellowship runs from October 1 – September 30 and has full-time and part-time tracks. It is conducted as a hybrid program of mentoring, networking, learning, and practicum experiences. Health and Aging Policy Fellows work across diverse fields of aging and develop lifelong partnerships and networks. Individually and collectively, they are improving the lives of older adults around the country. Candidates from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. **Submission Deadline is April 17, 2023.** Upcoming information sessions and additional information can be found [here](#).



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#### National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- [Untangling Why Critical Drug and Medical Supply Shortages Keep Happening](#)



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## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- [CMS Issues Final Rule to Protect Medicare, Strengthen Medicare Advantage, and Hold Insurers Accountable](#)

## U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- [Snapshot: How HHS is Building a Healthier America](#)

## National Institute of Health (NIH)

- [Lingering symptoms common after COVID hospitalization](#)
- [Overdose deaths involving buprenorphine did not proportionally increase with new flexibilities in prescribing](#)
- [Lessons learned from the NIH-led research response to COVID-19](#)

## National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

- *Workshop: “Improving Participation in Clinical Research”* on March 30 and 31 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm EST. During this event, speakers and panelists will focus the discussion on evidence-based best practices to increase inclusive participation in clinical research as well as how to implement best-practices, including challenges to overcome and lessons learned. Learn more [here](#).
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