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March 16, 2022



February 14: The Academy along with fifty-five members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) signed onto letters to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees urging them to pass **S.1220/H.R.2568 - The United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021** this Congress. Read the [House](#) and [Senate](#) letters.

March 10: [American Academy of Nursing Statement on Humanitarian Aid and International Coordination](#)  
Since the release on March 10, 2022, the Senate passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 which includes the Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations supported in the Academy's statement. President Biden signed this into law on March 15, 2022.



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## VIRTUAL POLICY DIALOGUES

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**May 11, 2022:** Policy Dialogue Hosted by Building Health Care System Excellence EP (*Policy Priority: Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden*)

- The [Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel](#) will expand the 2021 Policy Dialogue *Healthcare Systems Post-COVID: Exploring Reforms and Policy Implications* to focus more specifically on policy issues

associated with current workforce shortages, projected workforce demands, and novel models of care that optimize nurses' and other members of the team's scope of practice and build on the strengths of the nursing workforce.

**June 29, 2022:** Policy Dialogue: **Finding Gain in the Losses: Strategic Solutions to the Mental and Behavioral Health Crisis in Children and Youth** (*Policy Priority: Promote Innovation and Sustainability*)

- The [Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel](#) will address strategies and best practices to mitigate the effects of the national crisis of chronic stress on children, youth, and families, explore the impact of nursing on mental health resources, and address these policy implications.

**August 16, 2022:** Policy Dialogue: **Quality of Care in Nursing Homes** (*Policy Priority: Promote Innovation and Sustainability*)

- The [Informatics and Technology Expert Panel](#) will discuss implications for nurses resulting from the upcoming National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) report on the quality of care in nursing homes.

**December 6, 2022:** Policy Dialogue: **Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Mobilizing Nursing Leadership to Advance Global Equity** (*Policy Priority: Advance Health Equity & Champion Wellness*)

- The [Global Nursing & Health Expert Panel](#) will focus on strategies to ensure more equitable distribution of resources such as vaccines, increase equity in the US and abroad, and support nurses as they engage and emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**January 20, 2023:** Policy Dialogue: **Nursing Leadership in Decarbonizing the US Health Sector** (*Policy Priority: Advance Health Equity & Champion Wellness*)

- The [Environmental & Public Health Expert Panel](#) will review the health and environmental impacts of climate change and the urgent need for action, introduce attendees to the sources of greenhouse gasses generated by the health sector (the three scopes of decarbonization), and promote dialogue about priority policy recommendations that nursing can champion and lead to expedite decarbonization.



*The Board approved the following Policy Manuscripts and Consensus Papers to be drafted, which were submitted by the Academy's Expert Panels.*

### **Policy Priority Area: Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness**

#### **Proposal: Nurse-Directed Tobacco Dependence Treatment to Achieve Health Equity**

[Health Behavior Expert Panel](#)

This manuscript will outline the avenues that the American Academy of Nursing could reduce health disparities and inequities through promoting nursing's strategic involvement in health policies that promote a tobacco-free society.

#### **Proposal: Refugee and Immigrant Pandemic Vulnerability and Health Care Needs**

[Global Nursing and Health](#) and the [Environmental and Public Health](#) Expert Panels

This paper will examine the existing pandemic vulnerabilities, health challenges, and healthcare needs of refugees and immigrants during the Covid-19 pandemic and explore nursing interventions and potential global solutions.

#### **Manuscript: Climate Change and the Adverse Impact on the Health and Well-Being of Women and Girls**

[Women's Health Expert Panel](#)

This manuscript explores the effects of climate change on the health and well-being of women and girls. It examines key areas of human health that are linked to planetary health including reproductive health, infectious disease, migration, and access to resources such as food and water.

### **Policy Priority Area: Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden**

#### **Proposal: Response to the NASEM Report on Nursing Home Quality**

[Aging Expert Panel](#)

This manuscript will summarize the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) nursing home study entitled *The Quality of Care in Nursing Homes in the 21st Century* and the implications it will have for professional nursing leadership.



- HRSA has a [number of new research funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. [View all funding opportunities](#).

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

- NINR is seeking applications from outstanding candidates for [Director, Division of Extramural Science Programs \(DESP\)](#), [Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research \(DIR\)](#), [Deputy Director, Scientific Director, Division of Intramural Research](#) and [Program Officer / Health Scientist Administrator \(multiple positions; GS-12/13/14 or GS-15\)](#) to provide visionary leadership for the Institute. All positions are part of the NINR senior leadership team and report directly to the NINR Director. [Read More](#).
- [NINR has a number of new funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. To help the process, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a [Guide Notice](#) for submissions.



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

- *Feature Story:* “A Decade of Success: ‘Creative Mind’ Traveling Exhibit Spotlights Prominent Black Scientists and Researchers” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “New Awards in Science Communication Totaling \$600,000 Annually Launched by Schmidt Futures and the National Academies” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “New Report Recommends Changes to U.S. Organ Transplant System to Improve Fairness and Equity, Reduce Nonuse of Donated Organs, and Improve the System’s Overall Performance” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “NAS and NAM Presidents, Other Experts Urge Biden Administration to Reinstate Presidential Bioethics Commission” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “CHR Statement regarding Attacks on Health Care in Ukraine” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “International Treaty, Transparency Measures Recommended to Build Resilience of America’s Medical Product Supply Chains” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “‘We Stand With Our Colleagues in Ukraine,’ Say U.S. National Academies Presidents” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* “NIH Should Standardize Questions Used to Collect Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Data in Studies and Surveys, Says New Report.” Read more [here](#).

- *News Release*: “Premium Cigar Ingredients as Harmful as Cigars and Cigarettes; Health Effects Depend on Frequency, Patterns of Use.” Read more [here](#).
- *News Release*: “Q&A: National Academies Study Examines the Patterns of Use, Marketing, and Health Effects of Premium Cigars” Read more [here](#).

#### **National Academy of Medicine (NAM)**

- *News*: “Expert Papers from the National Academy of Medicine Identify Lessons Learned and Compelling Needs for Health Product Manufacturers & Innovators and Digital Health After COVID-19” Read more [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual information session “RWJF Health Policy Fellows - 2022 Informational Sessions” on March 8. Find out more information [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual convening on “Clinician Retention in the Era of COVID: Uniting the Health Workforce to Optimize Well-Being” on March 15. Find out more information [here](#).
- *News*: “National Academy of Medicine Launches Fellowship to Advance State Health Policy” Read more [here](#).
- NAM will host a virtual meeting on “Action Collaborative on Decarbonizing the U.S. Health Sector” on March 29 11:00am EST. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM will host a virtual webinar on “Violent Conflict: The Challenges of Protecting Public Health & Health Care” on March 30 5:00pm EST. Find out more [here](#).

#### **National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM)**

- *Newsletter*: “The Children’s Mental Health Crisis” Read more [here](#).
- *Newsletter*: “Cutting Through COVID-19 Confusion” Read more [here](#).
- *Press Release*: “Device Manufacturer Payments to Physicians May Influence Hospitals’ Purchasing Decisions - New Research Insights” Read more [here](#).
- *Webinar*: “Addressing Rural Health Needs: COVID-19, Equity and Access to Care” Learn more and view recording [here](#).
- *Webinar*: “Climate Impacts Mental Health: The Importance of Climate-Resilience” on March 21 1:00-2:00pm EST. Learn more [here](#).



- [CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19 Friday, February 25](#)
- [CDC Updated Their COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule for Some Individuals](#)
- [CDC's Tips From Former Smokers® Returns With Powerful New Ads](#)
- [CDC Updates COVID-19 Community Levels](#)
- [Mask Use on Public Transportation](#)
- [Approximately 2.55 Million Students Reported Currently Using a Tobacco Product in 2021](#)

#### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Request for Information on Access to Care and Coverage for People Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP](#)
- [CMS Redesigns Accountable Care Organization Model to Provide Better Care for People with Traditional Medicare](#)
- [Accountable Care Organization \(ACO\) Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health \(REACH\) Model](#)
- [Statement from CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure on President Biden's State of the Union:](#)

#### **The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- [FDA Approves Treatment for Wider Range of Patients with Heart Failure](#)
- [FDA Clinical Trial Guidances Share Biden Administration's Goals for Advancing Development of Cancer Treatments](#)
- [FDA Urges Companies to be 'Recall Ready' to Protect Public Health as Part of Final Guidance for Voluntary Recalls](#)
- [FDA Orders Philips Respironics to Notify Patients Regarding the Recall of Certain Breathing Assistance Machines](#)

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

- [In Florida, Secretary Becerra Encourages COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters, Spotlights Community Efforts to Increase Vaccine Confidence](#)
- [New HHS Report Highlights 40 Percent Decline in Uninsured Rate Among Black Americans Since Implementation of the Affordable Care Act](#)
- [HHS Distributing \\$560 Million in Provider Relief Fund Payments to Health Care Providers Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [HHS Secretary Becerra Highlights Progress Made in Strengthening U.S. Medical Supply Chain and Industrial Base](#)
- [Readout of Secretary Becerra's Virtual Roundtable on Increasing Routine Vaccinations](#)
- [New Report Demonstrates Impact of Climate Change on Mental and Physical Health](#)
- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Roundtable with SEIU Healthcare to Celebrate Black History Month](#)
- [Secretary Becerra Kicks Off National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health](#)
- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Reaffirming HHS Support and Protection for LGBTQI+ Children and Youth](#)
- [In New Hampshire, Secretary Becerra Highlighted the Importance of Family Planning and Mental Health Funding](#)

- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Women's History Month 2022](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Launches Nationwide Test-to-Treat Initiative Ensuring Rapid 'On the Spot' Access to Lifesaving COVID Treatments](#)
- [New HHS Study in JAMA Pediatrics Shows Significant Increases in Children Diagnosed with Mental Health Conditions from 2016 to 2020](#)

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

- [HRSA Works to Expand Health Care Access and Resources in Underserved Populations \(February 2022 Roundup\)](#)
- [Statement of HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson on President Biden's National Mental Health Strategy](#)

#### **National Institute of Health (NIH)**

- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Women's experiences of sexual assault and harassment linked with high blood pressure"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#) titled "People from racial, ethnic, and other groups report frequent COVID-19-related discrimination"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Take-home antibiotic therapies may improve health outcomes, lower costs, for patients with drug use-associated infective endocarditis"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#) titled "NIH, HHS leaders call for research and policy changes to address oral health inequities"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Scientists discover a new molecular pathway shared by two neurodegenerative disorders"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#) titled "Drug candidate designed by NIH scientists reduced brain inflammation, protected against cognitive decline in Alzheimer's mouse model"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Vision scientists discover new angle on path of light through photoreceptors"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Researchers uncover how the human brain separates, stores, and retrieves memories"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "Clinical decision support system reduces cardiovascular risk in patients with serious mental illness"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "NIH launches trial to study allergic reactions to COVID-19 mRNA vaccine"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#) titled "Mandatory masking in schools reduced COVID-19 cases during Delta surge"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "NIH launches trial to study allergic reactions to COVID-19 mRNA vaccine"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled "NIH launches clinical trial of three mRNA HIV vaccines"

#### **National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)**

- *News Release:* "Take-home antibiotic therapies may improve health outcomes, lower costs, for patients with drug use-associated infective endocarditis" Read more [here](#).



- NIDA has a [number of new priority research areas](#) that are available for submission.



*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 & Labor**

- March 1: [Subcommittee Hearing: Improving Retirement Security and Access to Mental Health Benefits](#)
- March 2: [Subcommittee Hearing: Investing in Economic Mobility: The Important Role of Hispanic Serving Institutions and Other Minority Serving Institutions](#)
- March 16: [Markup: "H.R. 6102, Black Lung Benefits Improvement Act of 2021; H.R. 5129, Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act of 2021; H.R. 2499, Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2021; H.R. 5428, School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act; H.R. 3114, Longshore and Harbor Workers' COVID-19 Compensation Act of 2021, and H.R. 6087, Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act."](#)

#### **House Committee on Energy & Commerce**

- March 3: [Hearing on "Lessons from the Frontline: COVID-19's Impact on American Health Care"](#)
- March 8: [Hearing on "Charging Forward: Securing American Manufacturing and Our EV Future"](#)
- March 17: [Hearing on "The Future of Medicine: Legislation to Encourage Innovation and Improve Oversight"](#)

#### **House Committee on Financial Services**

- March 8: [The Inflation Equation: Corporate Profiteering, Supply Chain Bottlenecks, and COVID-19](#)

#### **House Committee on Veteran Affairs**

- March 16: [Subcommittee Hearing on Health Legislative Hearing](#)
- March 17: [Building A Better VA: Addressing Healthcare Workforce Recruitment and Retention Challenges](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Appropriations**

- [Chairman Patrick Leahy \(D-Vt.\) Releases Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill](#)
  - FY22 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) [bill](#) and bill [text](#).

#### **Senate Committee on Finance**

- March 16: [Prescription Drug Price Inflation: An Urgent Need to Lower Drug Prices in Medicare](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions**

- March 15: [Executive Session: S. 3799, PREVENT Pandemics Act](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs**

- March 01: [Legislative Presentation of the Disabled American Veterans](#)

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