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April 20, 2022



March 16: The Academy, along with 134 other health care organizations, signed onto letters to House and Senate leaders requesting at least **\$500 million in funding for the Agency for Healthcare and Research and Quality (AHRQ)** for fiscal year (FY) 2023. The letter emphasizes that FY23 increases are urgently needed to accelerate health services research and inform decision-making on the healthcare system as it recovers from the pandemic. Read the [House](#) and [Senate](#) letters.

March 23: The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) and the Academy sent a letter to the NIH regarding the **Center for Scientific Review's (CSR) draft strategic plan for 2022 - 2027**. [Read more](#).

March 28: The Academy signed on to an amicus brief along with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Medical Association (AMA), and other health care organizations **challenging the state of Montana's efforts to ban access to safe reproductive care**. [Read more](#).

April 4: The Academy sent a letter to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee in support of S.3799, the **Prepare for and Respond to Existing Viruses, Emerging New Threats, and Pandemics Act (PREVENT Pandemics Act)**. The Academy letter highlights that the PREVENT Pandemics Act includes many of the recommendations the Academy put forth in [comments](#) submitted in June 2020. [Read more](#).

April 11: The Academy along with fifty-seven members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) signed onto letters to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies requesting **\$530 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$210 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research for fiscal year (FY) 2023**. Read the [House](#) and [Senate](#) letters.

April 18: The Academy, along with 64 other health care organizations, signed onto letters to House and Senate appropriations leaders requesting **\$310 million for the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023**. This funding level would be an increase of \$68.5 million above FY 2022 enacted, helping OSH to respond to high rates of e-cigarette use among youth and the continuing impacts of tobacco use. Read the [House](#) and [Senate](#) letters.

DEADLINE EXTENDED CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research
SOCIAL & STRUCTURAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

New Abstract Submission Deadline:

SEPTEMBER 15-17
2022

MAY 2, 2022

GRAND HYATT
WASHINGTON, DC

Optimizing the Nursing Workforce: Exploring Innovative Reforms and Policy Implications

Hosted by the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel, in collaboration with the Expert Panels on Quality Health Care and Acute & Critical Care

2022 POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES

MAY 18, 2022

May 18, 2022: Policy Dialogue Hosted by Building Health Care System Excellence EP (*Academy Policy Priority: Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden*)

- The [Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel](#), in collaboration with the Expert Panels on [Quality Health Care](#) and [Acute & Critical Care](#), 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.

REGISTER

Additional Upcoming Dialogues:

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

- The [Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel](#), in collaboration with the Expert Panels on [Psychiatric, Mental Health, and Substance Use](#) and [Violence](#), 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.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2022-2023 POLICY DIALOGUES](#)



EXPERT PANEL POLICY PAPERS

These policy papers developed by the Academy's Expert Panels were recently published in Nursing Outlook.

Policy Priority Area: Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness

Consensus Paper: [Defining the Social Determinants of Health for Nursing Action to Achieve Health Equity: A Consensus Paper from the American Academy of Nursing](#)

Expert Panels: [Environmental & Public Health](#); [Nursing Theory-Guided Practice](#); [Cultural Competence & Health Equity](#); [Child, Adolescent & Family](#); [Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use](#)

This consensus paper seeks to establish conceptual clarity and consensus for what social determinants of health mean for nursing, with emphasis on examples of health policies that advance planetary health equity and improve planetary health-related quality of life.

Consensus Paper: [American Academy of Nursing Expert Panel Consensus Statement on Nursing's Roles in Ensuring Universal Palliative Care Access](#)

Expert Panels: [Palliative & End-of-Life Care](#); [LGBTQ Health](#); [Global Nursing & Health](#); [Aging](#); [Cultural Competence & Health Equity](#); [Bioethics](#); [Quality Health Care](#); [Child, Adolescent, & Family](#)

Part one of this consensus paper convened leaders and scholars from eight Expert Panels of the American Academy of Nursing and provide recommendations to advance nursing's roles and responsibility to ensure universal access to palliative care.

Consensus Paper: [International Consensus-Based Policy Recommendations to Advance Universal Palliative Care Access from the American Academy of Nursing Expert Panels](#)

Expert Panels: [Palliative & End-of-Life Care](#); [Global Nursing & Health](#); [Aging](#); [Bioethics](#); [Child, Adolescent & Family](#); [Cultural Competence & Health Equity](#); [LGBTQ Health](#)

Part three of this consensus paper convened leaders and scholars from eight Expert Panels of the American Academy of Nursing and provide international policy recommendations to advance nursing's roles and responsibility to ensure universal access to palliative care.

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

Manuscript: [The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the future of telehealth in primary care](#)
[Primary Care Expert Panel](#)

This manuscript reviews the history, use and significance of telehealth in primary care. The emergence of telehealth as a primary strategy to continue to deliver value based, timely primary care during COVID-19 is discussed with recommendations for future applications, payment and preparation of providers and ways to ensure quality care of clients in the future using telehealth.



FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- 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 [Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research \(DIR\)](#). This position is part of the NINR senior leadership team and reports 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.



American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

- *Webinar:* "Nursing Impact: Journey to a Federal Appointment," taking place on May 4th from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. Learn more and register [here](#).

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

- *Feature Story:* "GRP Executive Director Lauren Alexander Augustine Testifies on Climate and Community Resilience" Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* "Designing COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements and Incentive Programs — New Expert Consultation" Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* "Wide-Ranging Systemic Changes Needed to Transform Nursing Homes to Meet Needs of Residents, Families, and Staff" Read more [here](#).

National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- NAM hosted a public meeting on "Action Collaborative on Decarbonizing the U.S. Health Sector Virtual Meeting" on March 29th. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual workshop on "Conversation on Assessing Meaningful Community Engagement" on March 30th. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual webinar on "Violent Conflict: The Challenges of Protecting Public Health & Health Care" on March 30th. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual convening on "Health Technology to Reduce Burnout" on April 8th. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM hosted a virtual webinar on "Committee on Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation: Virtual Workshop" on April 14th. Find out more [here](#).

NIH Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Scientific Interest Group (NIH AANHPI-HSIG)

- NIH AANHPI-HSIG will host the Inaugural "[Annual NIH AA and NHPI Health Research Conference](#)" on **May 4-5, 2022**, to celebrate AANHPI heritage month, highlight AANHPI research achievements, and assess research needs. Registration is free and open to the public.
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ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [U.S. Adult Tobacco Product Use Decreased from 2019 to 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines continue to protect against hospitalization and death among adults](#)
- [Effect of COVID-19 on Tuberculosis in the U.S.](#)
- [CDC Media Telebriefing: New CDC data illuminate youth mental health threats During the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [CDC Public Health Determination and Termination of Title 42 Order](#)
- [CDC Recommends Additional Boosters for Certain Individuals](#)
- [CDC Media Telebriefing: 2020 STD Surveillance Report](#)
- [New data suggest STDs continued to increase during first year of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [CDC Mask Order Remains in Effect and CDC Realigns Travel Health Notice System](#)
- [CDC Launches New Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics](#)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- [On 12-Year Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, New HHS Report Shows Ways the Biden-Harris Administration's American Rescue Plan Investments Are Lowering Health Care Costs and Expanding Coverage](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2023 Hospice Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule \(CMS-1773-P\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2023 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS-1767-P\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2023 Medicare Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS-1769-P\)](#)
- [Thousands More People with Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Now Eligible to Access Critical Postpartum Coverage Thanks to the American Rescue Plan](#)
- [Medicare Covers Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests](#)
- [2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rate Announcement](#)
- [Eligible Individuals Can Receive Second COVID-19 Booster Shot at No Cost](#)
- [CMS Finalizes Medicare Coverage Policy for Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease](#)
- [CMS Returning to Certain Pre-COVID-19 Policies in Long-term Care and Other Facilities](#)
- [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS 1765-P\)](#)
- [CMS Announces Key Actions to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity](#)
- [CMS Proposes Policies to Advance Health Equity and Maternal Health, Support Hospitals](#)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- [FDA, Reagan-Udall Foundation to Hold Important Public Workshop to Discuss Naloxone Access](#)
- [Update: FDA to Hold Advisory Committee Meeting on COVID-19 Vaccines to Discuss Future Boosters](#)
- [FDA Issues Decisions on Additional E-Cigarette Products](#)
- [FDA Seeks \\$8.4 Billion to Further Investments in Critical Public Health Modernization, Core Food and Medical Product Safety Programs](#)
- [FDA Authorizes Second Booster Dose of Two COVID-19 Vaccines for Older and Immunocompromised Individuals](#)
- [Joint Statement from CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure and FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf, M.D., on Ensuring Access to Safe and Effective Treatments](#)

- [FDA Takes Important Steps to Increase Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Clinical Trials](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Using Breath Samples](#)

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

- [HHS Announces Funding for Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Programs](#)
- [Secretary Becerra and Ambassador Tai Reaffirm Administration's Commitment to Addressing Anti-Asian Hate and Gender-Based Violence on One-Year Anniversary of the Atlanta Spa Shootings](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating the Affordable Care Act](#)
- [HHS Announces Nearly \\$44 Million to Strengthen Mental Health and Substance Use Services for Populations at Risk for or Living with HIV/AIDS](#)
- [HHS Recognizes One-Year Anniversary of Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program to Advance Equity in Pandemic Response](#)
- [HHS Distributing an Additional \\$413 Million in Provider Relief Fund Payments to Health Care Providers Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [ICYMI: Secretary Becerra Talks to NBC News About Latino Successes in His First Year as HHS Secretary](#)
- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Education Secretary Miguel A. Cardona Announce a Joint Effort to Develop and Share Resources to Ensure Children Have Access to School-based Health Services](#)
- [ICYMI: HRSA Promotes Access to Gender Affirming Care and Treatment in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#)
- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on FDA and CDC Expanding Booster Eligibility for the Most Vulnerable](#)
- [HHS Awards \\$256.6 Million to Expand and Restore Access to Equitable and Affordable Title X Family Planning Services Nationwide](#)
- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Roundtable on Nursing Home Reforms](#)
- [HHS to Provide \\$110 Million to Strengthen Safety Net for Seniors and People with Disabilities](#)
- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, and Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace on International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)
- [Thousands More People with Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Now Eligible to Access Critical Postpartum Coverage Thanks to the American Rescue Plan](#)
- [Health Resources and Services Administration Announces Availability of New Funding to Support Community-Based Doulas](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces a New Way for Medicare Beneficiaries to Get Free Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests](#)
- [Remarks by Secretary Xavier Becerra at White House COVID-19 Briefing on New Federal Plan to Accelerate Support for People Experiencing Long-Term Effects of COVID-19](#)
- [Secretary Becerra and HHS Leaders Celebrate Black Maternal Health Week 2022](#)
- [HHS Takes Actions to Promote Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes](#)
- [HHS Awards \\$16 Million to Strengthen the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, Announces \\$9 Million Available to Expand State Maternal Health Innovation and Implementation Program](#)
- [Proposed Scientific Questions to Inform the Development of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030* Available for Public Comment Starting April 15th](#)
- [HHS Statements on New Plan to Advance Equity in the Delivery of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Black Maternal Health Discussion with State Leaders](#)
- [ICYMI: HHS Takes Actions to Improve Maternal Health and Equity During Black Maternal Health Week 2022](#)
- [As Part of President Biden's Mental Health Strategy, HHS Awards Nearly \\$105 Million to States and Territories to Strengthen Crisis Call Center Services in Advance of July Transition to 988](#)

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

- Behavioral Health Professional Workforce Resilience ECHO
This is a new HRSA program that includes the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) for persons in health and social services across the nation and beyond. The grant is out of the University of New Mexico ECHO program.
 - Resilience Rounds occur Bi-monthly sessions on the 2nd & 4th Mondays. [Click here to register.](#)
 - Beginning April 25th, Resilience Workgroups will occur Weekly on Mondays. [Click here to register.](#)
- [2022 Nurse Corps Scholarship Program](#) application is open until **May 5, 2022**.
 - HRSA will be hosting a **Technical Assistance Webinar** on [April 28](#) at 3:00 pm ET.

National Institute of Health (NIH)

- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “NIH’s All of Us Research Program Releases First Genomic Dataset of Nearly 100,000 Whole Genome Sequences.”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “Scientists find racial and ethnic disparities in use of pediatric acute asthma care.”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “Law enforcement seizures of pills containing fentanyl increased dramatically between 2018-2021.”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “NIH begins clinical trial evaluating second COVID-19 booster shots in adults.”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “Researchers generate the first complete, gapless sequence of a human genome.”
- NIH [released a media advisory](#) titled “NIH experts discuss controlling COVID-19 in commentary on herd immunity.”

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

- *News Release:* "NIH analysis of Reddit forum suggests experience of non-suicidal self-harm shares characteristics with addiction" Read more [here](#).
- *News Release:* "Drug use severity in adolescence affects substance use disorder risk in adulthood" Read more [here](#).
- NIDA has a [number of new priority research areas](#) that are available for submission.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- [HHS Announces Dramatic Increase in Funding to Expand the Availability of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Across the Nation](#)



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 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.”](#)
- April 5: [Markup: H.R. 7309, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022, and H.R. 7310, Protecting America’s Retirement Security Act](#)
- April 6: [Full Committee Hearing: Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

House Committee on Energy & Commerce

- March 17: [Hearing on "The Future of Medicine: Legislation to Encourage Innovation and Improve Oversight"](#)

- March 29: [Hearing on "Trusting the Tap: Upgrading America's Drinking Water Infrastructure"](#)
- April 5: [Hearing on "Communities in Need: Legislation to Support Mental Health and Well-Being"](#)

House Committee on Science, Space and Technology

- March 31: [The New Normal: Prephasing For And Adapting To The Next Phase of 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 Finance

- March 16: [Prescription Drug Price Inflation: An Urgent Need to Lower Drug Prices in Medicare](#)
- March 30: [Behavioral Health Care When Americans Need It: Ensuring Parity and Care Integration](#)
- April 5: [The President's Fiscal Year 2023 Health and Human Services Budget](#)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

- March 15: [Executive Session: S. 3799, PREVENT Pandemics Act](#)
- March 22: [Full Committee Hearing: Strengthening Federal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Programs: Opportunities, Challenges, and Emerging Issues](#)

Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs

- March 23: [Honoring Our Commitment: Improving VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#)
- March 29: [Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021](#)
- April 21: [Supporting Service Members During Their Transition To Civilian Life](#)

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