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July 3: The Academy joined an amicus brief along with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other health care organizations challenging the state of Georgia's legislation **limiting access to gender-affirming care to individuals under the age of eighteen**. [Read more](#).

June 28: The Academy, along with fifty-nine members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), joined a letter to Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Mike Lawler, along with a bipartisan group of 21 original cosponsors, thanking them for introducing the **United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2023 (S.1633/ H.R. 3428)**. [Read more](#).

June 23: The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) and the Academy sent a letter to the NIH Center for Scientific Review regarding the **proposed changes to the peer review process for the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellowship applications**. [Read more](#).



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POLICY SPOTLIGHT

Firearm violence, from suicides to mass shootings, is an epidemic in the United States. A public health approach to address the causes and risk factors leading to violence is necessary to safeguard the health of our nation. The Academy has long supported policies to reduce firearm violence and has published statements on this public health threat that does not discriminate. Understanding the causes of violence and implementing evidence-based prevention strategies is vital for healthy lives. For many years, the Academy has consistently called for policy makers to address firearm violence and save lives. This remains a priority issue area for the Academy's Expert Panel on Trauma and Violence since nurses witness first-hand the devastation and traumatic aftermath of firearm violence for patients, families, and communities. Nurses have a professional and ethical duty and play a key role in educating the public on the importance of firearm safety and violence prevention. Below are some actions the Academy has taken to address firearm violence over the past years:

- The Academy signed onto letters to the House and Senate Appropriations leaders asking them to provide **\$35 million for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), \$25 million for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and \$1 million for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention in fiscal year 2024.** [Read more.](#)
- The American Academy of Nursing **Position Statement on Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention.** [Read more.](#)
- *Press Release:* [Gun Violence and Racism are Public Health Crises in America](#)
- The Academy, along with 287 other organizations, signed onto a letter to House and Senate Appropriations leaders requesting **\$60 million in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention.** [Read more.](#)
- The Academy sent a letter to **President-Elect Joe Biden, Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris,** and their Administration outlining ways in which the Academy can assist the Administration on a number of healthcare issues including the **COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, gun violence, etc.** [Read more.](#)
- *Press Release:* [American Academy of Nursing Supports Efforts to Reduce Gun Violence](#)
- *President's Message:* [A public health crisis: Recommendations to reduce gun violence in America](#) (May 2018)
- *Policy Brief:* [Recommendations in response to mass shootings](#) (May-June 2018)
- *Policy Brief:* [Reducing firearm violence](#) (May 2013)



The National Academy Medicine (NAM)

- July 19: [Systems Impact: Unpacking Racialization, Intersectionality, and Community](#)
- [NAM Shares Resources in Support of Assessing Meaningful Community Engagement to Advance Health Equity](#)
- [Re-Centering Nursing Care to Meet the Needs of Patients and Families: A Call for Executive Action](#)
- [Vital Signs for Pediatric Health: Infant Mortality](#)
- [Vital Signs for Pediatric Health: School Readiness](#)

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

- July 27: [Federal Policy to Advance Racial, Ethnic, and Tribal Health Equity: Release Webinar](#)
- July 27: [Workshop on Advancing Diagnostic Excellence in Maternal Health Care](#)
- July 20-21: [Evaluating the Effects of Opioids and Benzodiazepines on All-Cause Mortality in Veterans: Meeting 5](#)



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [CDC Recommends RSV Vaccine For Older Adults](#)
- [U.S. E-cigarette Sales Climbed during 2020-2022](#)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- [HHS Issues Proposed Rule to Advance Non-discrimination in Health and Human Service Programs for LGBTQI+ Community](#)
- [New HHS Initiative Aims to Strengthen Nation's Health WorkforceFact Sheet: HHS Releases Draft Framework to Accelerate Efforts to Help Americans Avoid and Quit Smoking](#)
- [HHS Study Shows In-hospital Delivery-related Maternal Death Rates Decreased More than Half from 2008 to 2021](#)
- [HHS Issues Advisory on Mental Health Symptoms and Conditions Related to Long COVID](#)

National Institutes on Health (NIH)

- [Only 1 in 4 adolescent treatment facilities offer buprenorphine for opioid use disorder](#)
- [Men died of overdose at 2-3 times greater a rate than women in the U.S. in 2020-2021](#)
- [Screening newborns for deadly immune disease saves lives](#)
- [Researchers find weaker immune response to viral infections in children with mitochondrial disorders](#)



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

- July 12: [Full Committee Markup: H.R. 4527 Health Data Act](#)

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