December 19: Academy President Eileen Sullivan-Marx and CEO Suzanne Miyamoto participated in the inaugural National Nursing LGBTQ Health Summit, focused on advancing nursing's progress in addressing LGBTQ health issues. Dr. Sullivan-Marx, a member of the Summit's Advisory Board, stated: "The health of all people is paramount. To do this successfully, we must take coordinated steps to ensure that the LGBTQ community receives care that is equitable and patient-centered. Expanding our knowledge, investing in more research, and creating safe spaces for discussions, such as this National LGBTQ Health Summit, are invaluable to our goal of achieving true health equity." Read more.

December 26: The Academy signed on to an amicus brief to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals citing that states have an interest in safeguarding the Affordable Care Act's birth control coverage requirement. Read more.

February 5 Deadline: 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.

**February 10 Deadline: National Institutes of Health: 2020 Stigma Research Training Institute**

- June 8-11: Held on NIH's campus in Bethesda, Maryland, this four-day training will promote transdisciplinary and novel health-related stigma research methods to strengthen research capacity in this area.

**February 24 Deadline: National Academy of Medicine: Healthy Longevity Catalyst Awards**

- Individuals and teams are invited to submit a 2-page application detailing bold, innovative, and potentially transformative ideas to improve the mental, physical, and social well-being of people as they age. **Successful applicants** will be eligible for approximately 450 awards worth $50,000 each, to be given out over the next three years.

**February 28 Deadline: University of California Davis: Betty Irene Moore Fellowships for Nurse Leaders and Innovators**

- The fellowship program recognizes and advances early-career nursing scholars and innovators with high potential to accelerate leadership in nursing-science research, practice, education, policy, and entrepreneurship. Ten nurse fellows will be selected for the three-year fellowship.

**Rolling Application Deadline: Yale School of Nursing: Candidate School for Nurses and Midwives**

- May 27-30: The first candidate school for nurses and midwives seeks to inspire nurses to run for elected office, provide training and support to those running, and promote a culture within nursing of supporting colleagues who enter politics. The non-partisan school is limited to 50 participants. **Learn more and apply.**

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**National Academy of Medicine**

- **January 22: Public Session of the Committee on Implementing High-Quality Primary Care**
  - Academy staff attended this session yesterday, which outlines how the committee is examining the current state of primary care in the United States and developing an implementation plan to build upon the recommendations from the 1996 IOM report, "Primary Care: America's Health in a New Era," to strengthen primary care services in the United States, especially for underserved populations, and to inform primary care systems around the world.

  - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) oversees the Healthy People initiative to set national goals and objectives for health promotion
and disease prevention. This study presents a slate of Leading Health Indicators (LHIs) that will serve as options for the Healthy People Federal Interagency Workgroup to consider as they develop the final criteria and set of LHIs for Healthy People 2030.

Bipartisan Policy Center

- February 5: Briefing: Bipartisan Rx for America's Health Care
  - This briefing will discuss the Bipartisan Policy Center's recommendations for transforming the nation's health care system, including policies that will lower the cost of care, reduce premiums, increase coverage, lower drug costs, and reduce hospital payment rates.

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.

From the Federal Register

Proposed Rule

- Health and Human Services (HHS): Removing Financial Disincentives to Living Organ Donation
  - This proposed rule would remove financial barriers to organ donation by expanding the scope of reimbursable expenses incurred by a primary caregiver. Written comments are due by February 18, 2020.

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 Energy & Commerce**

- January 8: Legislation to Improve Americans’ Health Care Coverage and Outcomes
- January 14: A Public Health Emergency: State Efforts to Curb the Opioid Crisis

**House Homeland Security**

- January 14: Assessing the Adequacy of DHS Efforts to Prevent Child Deaths in Custody

**House Veterans Affairs**

- January 9: Reviewing the Availability of Resources to Address Veteran Hunger

**Senate Indian Affairs**

- 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

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**Legislative Schedule**

The House is in a District Work Period this week for Martin Luther King Day. The Senate is currently in a special session for impeachment proceedings.