January 4: The Academy signed onto an amicus brief with other healthcare organizations regarding the public charge rule from the Department of Homeland Security (HHS) that would deter immigrants from enrolling in essential healthcare programs and services. Read more.

January 13: The Academy, along with other healthcare organizations, signed onto a memo with policy recommendations to the incoming Biden Administration regarding the Title X Family Planning Program. Read the recommendations.

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM)'s Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence program provides a year-long residential leadership opportunity in health policy in Washington, DC. Designed for mid-career professionals, this immersion experience supports engagement of nurse leaders in a prominent role in health policy at the national level and facilitates their interaction with other health fellows and scholars. The Academy, the American Nurses Association (ANA), and the American Nurses Foundation (the Foundation), in partnership with NAM, support this program. The program seeks individuals who have the capacity and skills to generate policy for issues of special interest and the ability to promote greater public understanding.

Applicants with diverse backgrounds and demonstrated success in promoting health equity are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications are due at 5:00 PM ET on Friday, February 5, 2021.
International Centre on Nurse Migration

- Commissioned Paper: *Aging Well? Policies to Support Older Nurses at Work*
  Up to 4.7 million nurses worldwide are expecting to retire by 2030. This new report, authored by James Buchan, PhD, DPM, MA(Hons), Howard Catton, MA, RN, and Franklin A. Shaffer, EdD, RN, FAAN, FFNMRCSI, reveals strategies that must be adopted to help them continue in work and keep health services running.

Kaiser Family Foundation

- Perspective: *The Challenge of Vaccine Hesitancy In Rural America*
  In his latest Axios column, Drew Altman looks at the challenge of vaccine hesitancy in rural America and its implications.

National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- *Harriet Cook Carter Lecture: The Future of Nursing: A Look Back and A Look Ahead*
  The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the dedication of nurses as well as laid bare the health inequities that plague our nation. Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, will describe how nurses are perfectly positioned to advance health equity, the most salient issue of our time.
- *Stakeholder Webinar Series: A Culture of Health Program Listening Workshop: Community Perspectives*
  On December 8-10, 2020, the National Academy of Medicine Culture of Health Program hosted a public meeting to discuss barriers, models, and opportunities to using community knowledge and strength to drive health equity policy and research.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM)

- *Consensus Study Reports: Quality Chasm Collection*
  Since 1996, when the Institute of Medicine launched a concerted, ongoing effort focused on assessing and improving the nation's quality of health care, the Quality Chasm series has grown to 11 books, which are crucial reading for policy makers, licensing officials, hospital administrators, medical educators and students, caregivers, health journalists, patient advocates, and patients themselves.
- *Proceedings: Caring for People with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care Settings*
  In an effort to understand the challenges and opportunities of providing essential components of care for people with mental health and substance use disorders in primary care settings, NASEM's Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders convened three webinars held on June 3, July 29, and August 26, 2020, addressing efforts, definitions, and payment models for this essential care.
- *Workshop: Improving the Evidence Base for Treatment Decision Making for Older Adults with Cancer*
  This three-part workshop is being convened by the National Cancer Policy Forum, in collaboration with the Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation, and the Forum on Aging, Disability, and Independence.
- *Workshop: The Quality of Care in Nursing Homes*
  Despite three decades of efforts to improve the quality of care in nursing homes, significant challenges still remain. The current Committee on the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes will examine how our nation delivers, regulates, finances, and measures quality of nursing home care, including the longstanding challenges brought to light by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Social Sciences Research Network

- *Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN)*, a division of Elsevier, has assembled, disseminated, and promoted early scholarly contributions from researchers around the world, including nearly 5,000
professionals in the field of nursing. SSRN has now launched an open-access resource, the Nursing Research Network, available to professionals to meet and network, leverage experiences, develop best practices, and more.

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