May 19: The Academy, along with 199 other organizations, sent a letter to Congress recommending $20 million in funding for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention **Hospitals Promoting Breastfeeding** program. Read more.

May 17: The Academy submitted comments to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the proposed rule on the **Title X Family Planning Program**. The proposed rule rescinds the 2019 regulation and reinstates the 2000 regulations with improvements to modernize the program. The Women’s Health and the Information and Technology Expert Panels provided expertise for the comments. Read more.

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**CANS Call for Abstracts**

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  CANS, a signature initiative of the Academy centered on nursing science, is seeking abstracts for the 2021 Advanced Methods Conference, *Inclusion by Design: Methods and Approaches Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility in Nursing Research*. Learn more and submit.
National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

- **Call for Applications**
  NINR is seeking applications from outstanding nurse scientist candidates for the position of **Director of the Division of Extramural Science Programs (DESP)** to provide visionary leadership for nursing research. Applications received by **May 21, 2021** will be prioritized for consideration. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Nursing Now USA (NNUSA)

- Event: **Global Footprints**
  On May 24, 2021 the Nursing Now Global Footprints event will begin with a regional celebration in the Western Pacific, travelling to South East Asia, the Eastern Mediterranean, Africa and Europe and finally the Americas. This will be the moment for Nursing Now groups and Nightingale Challenge programs to come together to showcase the successes of the last three years and discuss our ambitions for the future of nursing. [Register](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

- **Call for Proposals: Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems**
  This call for proposals is to fund research studies that evaluate or predict the effects of Medicaid policy changes enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline to apply is **June 28, 2021 at 3:00 pm ET**.

Urban Institute (UI)

- **Call for Applications: Equity Scholars Program**
  The UI is kicking off a new effort to grow the field of researchers building evidence to accelerate racial justice and strengthen equity across society. The UI Equity Scholars program offers emerging and established scholars the opportunity to deepen their own policy-oriented research on race, equity, and/or structural racism while contributing to equity-focused analyses underway at Urban. Over two years, as members of a cohort, Equity Scholars will develop research to interrogate the effects of structural racism on people and places, develop evidence-based solutions to advance racial equity, and share their insights to decisionmakers best positioned to act. [Learn more](#) and apply by **June 1, 2021**.

National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- **Report: The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity**
  NAM released the long-awaited report, *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity*. This report explores how the nursing profession can work over the next decade to reduce health disparities and promote equity, while keeping costs at bay, utilizing technology, and maintaining patient and family-focused care.

- **Guidance: Communicating COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy and Effectiveness**
  This guidance from the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) can help public officials prepare and evaluate their communications efforts around vaccination and help the public gain greater understanding to increase vaccine uptake. This guide helps state, tribal, local, and territorial officials accurately and effectively communicate about the benefits and risks of vaccination.

- **Report: Acknowledging Structural Racism’s Direct and Negative Impact on Health**
  NAM’s [Culture of Health Program (CoHP)](#) is moving into the next phase and is highlighting statements from previous CoHP reports that acknowledge structural racism’s direct and negative impact on health. This also
includes the disproportionate effects on the health and well-being of Black, Indigenous, and people of color.


Academy CEO Suzanne Miyamoto and Fellows Jason E. Farley, Millicent Gorham, and Cynda Rushton, are co-authors of this report, which provides a systematic review of the clinician experience during COVID-19, challenges encountered and lessons learned, as well as opportunities for reinforcing and transforming the clinician workforce after the pandemic recedes. The paper identifies long-standing structural challenges and identifies opportunities to close these gaps in the future.

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### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Updated Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

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

- CMS Increases Medicare Payment for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusions
- CMS Expanding Efforts to Grow COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence and Uptake Amongst Nation’s Most Vulnerable
- CMS Issues Guidance on American Rescue Plan Funding for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services
- Fact Sheet: Medicaid & CHIP and the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

### Health and Human Services (HHS)

- HHS Announces the Largest Ever Funding Allocation for Navigators and Releases Final Numbers for 2021 Marketplace Open Enrollment
- HHS Releases New Buprenorphine Practice Guidelines, Expanding Access to Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- Exploring Civil Rights Protections for Individuals in Recovery from an Opioid Use Disorder

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### 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 Committee on Energy and Commerce

- April 28: Hearing on "The Long Haul: Forging a Path through the Lingering Effects of COVID-19"
May 4: Hearing on "Negotiating a Better Deal: Legislation to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs"
May 6: Hearing on "Broadband Equity: Addressing Disparities in Access and Affordability"

House Committee on Education and Labor

- May 5: Lower Drug Costs Now: Expanding Access to Affordable Health Care
- May 6: Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Students with Disabilities

House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

- May 12: Military Transition During the COVID-19 Pandemic

House Committee on Ways and Means

- April 21: Paid Leave, Child Care, and an Economy that Failed Women
- April 28: Charting the Path Forward for Telehealth
- May 12: Making a Difference for Families and Foster Youth

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

- April 28: Examining Our COVID-19 Response: Using Lessons Learned to Address Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders
- May 11: An Update from Federal Officials on Efforts to Combat COVID-19
- May 18: Paid Leave for Working Families: Examining Access, Options, and Impacts

Senate Committee on Finance

- May 12: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Improving Mental Health and Addiction Services in Our Communities
- May 19: COVID-19 Health Care Flexibilities: Perspectives, Experiences, and Lessons Learned

Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs


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