



**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING**  
*transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge*

**POLICY PRIORITIES**  
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## ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Academy advances health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The Academy's more than 2,700 fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research who have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the promotion of health through evidence-based practices.

### MISSION

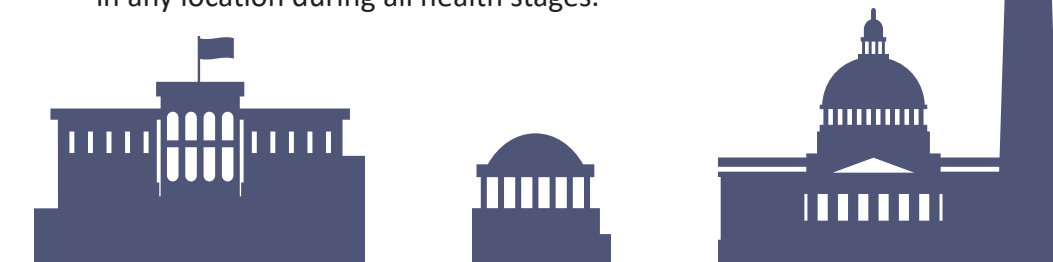
The Academy aims to serve the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership.

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## POLICY PRIORITIES

### ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY & CHAMPION WELLNESS

The Academy advances policies that closely consider the social determinants of health. Where individuals were born, live, work, attend school, or travel, all impact their wellness. Moreover, the need grows to reduce the impact of violence, toxic stress, and other environmental factors, on the individual, the family, and the community. The Academy believes to truly improve health, policies must expand access to quality care through innovative approaches, aimed at eliminating health disparities. To safeguard our future, the Academy champions the wellness and safety of not only children and vulnerable populations, but of every individual in any location during all health stages.





## PROMOTE INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

The Academy advances policies that adopt modernizations which are sustainable and effective over time. This includes technologies, treatments, and models of care. Policies that recognize providers for their expertise, education, and clinical training amplify patient choice. Competition in the healthcare provider market increases access and reduces cost while improving quality. Moreover, innovation in the health care industry, as well as emerging practices, must be tested and advanced for heightened impact and outcomes. This includes necessary investments in research and scientific careers.

## REDUCE PATIENT, PROVIDER, & SYSTEM BURDEN

The Academy advances policies that provide patients, providers, and systems, the ability to give and receive optimal care. This requires efforts to reduce regulatory burden on daily practice while balancing patient privacy protections. In order to achieve the goal of placing the patient at the center of care delivery, policies must equally support providers and systems.



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