

Alliance for Women's Health & Prevention 2026 Health Policy Agenda

As a non-profit advocacy organization focused on supporting preventive health for all women and girls, AWHP works to advance policies that align with this mission. Learn more about AWHP's four policy pillars — and how they inform our federal regulatory and legislative priorities for 2026.

Policy Priority

Addressing Upstream Social and Environmental Factors

- Advocating for culturally competent care
- Acknowledging social determinants of health and environmental barriers to care, and providing support for families and caregivers
- Advancing workplace policies that support preventive health

Federal Regulatory and Legislative Priorities

CARE for Moms Act

H.R. 6303

- A comprehensive package that supports the maternal health workforce, promotes access to prenatal and postpartum care, and provides the resources that mothers and babies need to thrive

Health Access Innovation Act

H.R. 5417 / S. 2825

- Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to faith- or community-based organizations to address persistent health inequities and chronic disease challenges

Improving Care in Rural America Reauthorization Act

H.R. 2493 / S. 2301

- Extends critical programs that increase access to health care services in rural communities

Policy Priority

Advancing Access to Care and Treatment

- Promoting broad access to routine primary care
- Advancing meaningful access to specialty care, particularly in public programs
- Utilizing novel care models, such as telehealth and collaborative care teams, to improve access in medically under-served communities

Federal Regulatory and Legislative Priorities

SCREENS for Cancer Act

H.R. 2381 / S. 1866

- Reauthorizes through 2030 the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), which provides funding to states for breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for the low income/ uninsured. Would expand the program's scope to address disparities and eliminate some spending quotas for states

Telehealth Modernization Act

H.R. 5081 / S. 2709

- Extends telehealth flexibilities by removing geographic limits so that patients can use virtual care from home, allowing audio-only visits for those without internet, expanding provider types, and easing mental health rules

Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA)

H.R. 4231 / S. 1973

- Expands Medicare coverage of obesity management medications and intensive behavioral therapy for obesity



Policy Priority

Promoting Early Detection and Diagnosis

- Supporting screening guidelines that prioritize improved health outcomes
- Supporting broad and affordable access to screenings and diagnostics, particularly in public programs
- Advancing meaningful access to primary and specialty care to administer and counsel based on results of screenings and diagnostics

Federal Regulatory and Legislative Priorities

Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD) Act

H.R. 3037 / S. 1500

- Eliminates out-of-pocket expenses for diagnostic breast cancer tests

Engagement with the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

- Makes evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications

Find It Early Act

H.R. 6182 / S. 1410

- Ensures all health insurance plans cover screening and diagnostic breast imaging, including mammograms, ultrasounds, and MRIs with no cost-sharing

Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act

H.R. 842 / S. 339

- Allows for Medicare coverage and payment for multi-cancer early detection screening (MCEDS) tests that are approved by the FDA and that are used to screen for cancer across many cancer types, if CMS determines such coverage is appropriate

Policy Priority

Advancing Vaccine Access and Affordability

- Promoting public health guidance that prioritizes access to improved disease protection
- Supporting broad and affordable access to necessary vaccines, particularly in public programs
- Ensuring appropriate support for healthcare professionals to administer and counsel patients with respect to their vaccines

Federal Regulatory and Legislative Priorities

Engagement with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

- Provides comments to panel that makes recommendations for the use of the vaccines across the lifespan

Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education and New Treatments (PREVENT) for HPV Cancers Act

H.R. 6561

- Requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to raise awareness about human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination through a national education campaign for health care providers, parents, and the public on the life-saving HPV immunization

Protecting Free Vaccines Act

H.R. 5448 / S. 2857

- Requires coverage of certain immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices under the Medicare program, the Medicaid program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, group health plans, and health insurance coverage

Get Involved

AWHP is also proud to partner with like-minded organizations on policies that impact women's preventive health both directly and indirectly. If you have questions or an idea for collaboration, please reach out to info@womenspreventivehealth.org.

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