



NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH

2022 Policy Priorities

NCAH convenes, mobilizes, supports, and empowers partners to advance equitable policies that reduce health disparities, prevent chronic disease, and promote health

Commercial Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation

- Promote policies that support the implementation of an effective Tobacco 21 law in North Carolina, including retailer licensing
- Promote increased and recurring appropriations for robust and evidence-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs and services
- Promote policies that increase the price of tobacco products, and create price parity among tobacco products

Access to Healthy Food

- Promote policies that increase access to healthy food in schools and childcare centers
- Support policies that prioritize healthy, local food within the Healthy Opportunities pilots
- Support the retention of COVID flexibilities for SNAP, WIC, CACFP, and other programs
- Support policies that increase the capacity of food hubs across the state

Active Living

- Promote recurring, permanent appropriations to establish the North Carolina Safe Routes to School program as a permanent program within NCDOT
- Promote the restoration of Master's pay for teachers, including Physical Education and Health teachers
- Support funding mechanisms that allow local communities to promote access to routine physical activity, including safe bicycle and pedestrian access

Cross-Cutting

- Support policies and appropriations for closing the health insurance coverage gap
- Support policies that reduce inequities and barriers to health, including housing, transportation, and equitable pay and leave policies
- Support policies that maintain and restore local control

NCAH may also support other mission-related policies as they arise.

Promote - Lead efforts and actively advocate for

Support - Support efforts led by members and partners

Monitor - Track and react to as necessary