

ANA-MICHIGAN POLICY ON PUBLIC POSITION STATEMENTS

POLICY

ANA-Michigan shall take public positions on legislation and health policy proposals, and recommend actions based on the following Platform and process.

PURPOSE

ANA-Michigan's position statements articulate the Association's stand on health care policy proposals of importance to its membership and the public it serves. Positions are generated in response to trends and best practices in health care and health policy related to current and emerging issues that impact the health of the citizens of Michigan, their access to care, standards and excellence in nursing practice; and the profession of nursing.

All proposed policy positions are first benchmarked to the ANA-Michigan Mission, Vision and Strategic Values. The Criteria below are also applied to the analysis and recommendation of policy positions to the Board of Directors.

Platform Issues

Access to Quality Care

1. Promote accessibility to healthcare for all residents of Michigan
2. Support services for vulnerable populations
3. Ensure nursing care by appropriate licensed providers
4. Assure basic human needs services that impact individual health status
5. Support programs that enhance health literacy

Human Rights/Social Justice

1. Provide for informed healthcare choices through evidence-based education of Michigan residents
2. Support legislative proposals that positively impact the health and welfare of Michigan residents
3. Educate legislators when proposals would negatively impact the health and well-being of Michigan residents
4. Oppose discrimination in health policies/regulations and delivery of care
5. Support competent care for diverse Michigan populations
6. Protect the privacy of Michigan residents in issues of healthcare

Quality and Safety of Health Care

1. Maintain state policies and regulations consistent with national nursing standards
2. Support for programs that address health promotion and maintenance and prevention of disease/disability
3. Actively collaborate with healthcare organizations within the state for purposes of quality care, patient safety and nursing input

Advances in the Practice and/or Profession of Nursing

1. Promote the viability of professional nursing organizations
2. Promote statewide communication within the profession
3. Encourage occupational health and safety of nurses
4. Support public funding for nursing research and education

Process for Position Statement Review

1. Requests for development of an Association position statement on a policy, issue or legislation may be made by the Board of Directors, an individual member, or based on member survey results.
2. The request is sent to the Public Policy Council for consideration.
3. The Public Policy Council reviews the issue, evaluates the issue in relation to the ANA-Michigan Mission, Values and Impact Statement and the Platform criteria.
4. The Public Policy Council makes a recommendation to the Board using an evidence-based review of the issue and its relevance to the above Platform Criteria. Topic experts may be used to develop the position statement.
5. The Board determines whether the proposed position statement is adopted by the Association and made public.
6. The Association positions are reviewed by the Public Policy Council annually.
7. Recommendations for policy changes are made to the Board.
8. Joint positions (e.g. with other healthcare groups) may be developed.