



NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH

NORTH CAROLINA POLICY OVERVIEW

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Who we are

- ▶ Independent, statewide coalition of individuals and organizations

Mission

- ▶ Convene and mobilize partners to advance equitable health policies that promote wellness and prevent obesity and tobacco use

Advocacy success examples

- ▶ Smoke-free bars and restaurants (2009)
- ▶ Healthy Corner Store Initiative (2016, 2017)
- ▶ Teen tobacco use prevention funding (2017)
- ▶ Tobacco cessation funding (2017)

2017 Legislative Priorities

NC Alliance for Health (NCAH)

- ▶ Tobacco use prevention program funding
- ▶ Tobacco cessation program funding
- ▶ Healthy Corner Store Initiative

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

- ▶ Oral chemo parity

Care4Carolina (C4C)

- ▶ Closing the coverage gap

Tobacco Use Prevention Program Funding

Ask

- ▶ \$17 million in recurring funding to restore award-winning teen tobacco use prevention funding programs

Bills

- ▶ **HB 276**, Strengthen Youth Tobacco Use Prevention/Funds – Representatives Donny Lambeth, Gale Adcock, Josh Dobson, Sam Watford
- ▶ **SB 478**, Strengthen Youth Tobacco Use Prevention/Funds – Senators Mike Woodard and Cathy Dunn

Result

- ▶ \$500,000 in each year of the biennium to fund teen tobacco use prevention programs

2018 Ask

- ▶ \$17 million in recurring funding

Tobacco Cessation Program Funding

Ask

- ▶ \$3 million in additional funding for tobacco cessation programs

Bills

- ▶ None

Result

- ▶ \$500,000 in recurring funds to be divided between QuitlineNC and You Quit, Two Quit

2018 Ask

- ▶ \$3 million in additional funding

Healthy Corner Store Initiative

Ask

- ▶ \$1 million in recurring funding for the statewide Healthy Corner Store Initiative (officially the Healthy Food Small Retailer Program)

Bills

- ▶ **HB 387**, Corner Store Initiative – Representatives Yvonne Holley, Donny Lambeth, Pat McElraft, Amos Quick
- ▶ **SB 498**, Healthy Food Small Retailer Program – Senators Don Davis and Louis Pate

Result

- ▶ \$250,000 in additional funding

2018 Ask

- ▶ \$1 million in recurring funding

Oral Chemo Parity

Ask

- ▶ Pass NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act to provide coverage for both IV and oral chemotherapies

Bills

- ▶ **HB 206**, NC Cancer Treatment Fairness – Representatives David Lewis, Darren Jackson, Donny Lambeth, Pat McElraft
- ▶ **SB 152**, NC Cancer Treatment Fairness – Senators Ralph Hise, Jerry Tillman, and Andrew Brock

Result

- ▶ Passed the House and will be taken up during the special sessions throughout August and September

2018 Ask

- ▶ Will depend on the outcome of the special sessions

Closing the Coverage Gap

Ask

- ▶ Increase access to affordable, quality health care and health insurance for those in the coverage gap

Bills

- ▶ **HB 662**, Carolina Cares – Representatives Donny Lambeth, Gregory Murphy, Josh Dobson, Donna White

Result

- ▶ The bill did not move but was included in Secretary Cohen's Medicaid Transformation Plan, which was released on Tuesday, August 8, 2017

2018 Ask

- ▶ Provide health care coverage for more North Carolinians

Get Involved

NCAH

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ACS CAN

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Care 4 Carolina

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