

WNDC PUBLIC POLICY AND POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Positions on Health Policy

WNDC believes that access to comprehensive health care is a basic human right. Every person in America is entitled to the full range of science-based health care services regardless of their race, skin color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, or ability to pay. Health care must encompass all stages of life from birth to death.

WNDC calls for policymakers to:

- Protect and support the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Encourage the adoption of standards of reproductive care that include the full range of contraceptive choices and services for pregnancy, prenatal, and birthing care or the termination of a pregnancy.
- Oppose all legislation and executive orders that might enable any health care provider serving in any taxpayer funded facility to refuse care to any person for any reason.
- Continue full U.S. membership in the World Health Organization and funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to enable fulfillment of their roles in monitoring and updating treatment standards for all causes of mortality and morbidity, including workplace hazards, gun violence, and environmental toxins.
- Commit to supporting global efforts to seek an improved, shared system for early warning and rapid response to emerging biological threats.
- Maintain full funding for health care services for veterans and eligible family members.
- Commit to adequate funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.
- Enact legislation to protect health care providers from being forced to share confidential medical information with any government entity or employer without the express approval of the patient or their legal guardian.
- Mandate that every woman's health care agency that receives federal funding follow the medical guidelines of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) and deny funding to so-called "crisis pregnancy counseling centers" that only provide anti-abortion dogma, e.g., abortion increases the risk for infertility, breast cancer, and depression.