



## WNDC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

### 2020 POSITIONS ON HEALTH POLICY

WNDC believes that comprehensive health care is a basic human right. Every person in America is entitled to receive the full range of science-based health-care services regardless of race, sex, skin color, religion, gender identity, immigration status, or ability to pay. Health care must be universal and must encompass all life stages from birth to death including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation.

**Therefore, WNDC calls for national lawmakers to:**

- Reinstatement of America's full membership in the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Provide full federal funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fulfill their role in surveillance and treatment standards for all causes of morbidity and mortality, including workplace hazards, gun violence, and environmental toxins. All findings must be made available to the public within 30 days.
- Oppose all legislation and executive decrees that might enable any health care provider serving in any taxpayer-funded facility to refuse care to any person for any reason.
- Establish community-based "on site" medical services with multiple disciplines of health care providers so that no person has to travel more than 6 miles for primary care services.
- Require that every public school be staffed with a registered nurse to evaluate and collaborate with appropriate medical and psychological health care providers.
- Provide full federal funding for lifetime care for all veterans, their spouses, and their children through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- Mandate that, for women of reproductive age, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) standards of care apply, including the full range of contraceptive services, prenatal or pregnancy termination care as determined by each woman and her health care provider.
- Restore Title X funding to Planned Parenthood and other women's health care offices that adhere to ACOG standards.
- Mandate full federal funding for hospital isolation areas, personal protective equipment (PPE), and adequate staffing to immediately provide safe care for infectious patients. Isolation procedures and PPE must also be immediately available to first responders and housekeeping staff. Each hospital must institute regular PPE inventory checks and isolation procedure drills.