

Health Policy and Advocacy Resources

Legislative Branch Resources

U.S. House of Representatives – <http://www.house.gov/>
Information on the U.S. House of Representatives and their proceedings, including Member and Committee lists.

U.S. Senate – <http://www.senate.gov/>
Information on the U.S. Senate, including Member and Committee lists.

THOMAS – <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
Search legislation by bill number, topic, or sponsor to receive a bill's summary, cosponsors, actions taken, and the legislative text.

Library of Congress – <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>
Information about the Library of Congress and access to digital collections and the Library's catalog.

Administrative Branch Resources

White House – <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>
The official White House website; includes press statements, proclamations, position statements, and pending legislation.

Judicial Branch Resources

U.S. Supreme Court – <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>
The official Supreme Court website; includes a Court calendar, information on current and past cases, and the Justices.

Federal Government Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – <http://www.ahrq.gov/>
AHRQ supports research designed to improve the quality of healthcare, reduce its costs, address patient safety and medical errors, and broaden access to essential services.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – <http://www.cdc.gov/>
CDC works to protect the nation's public health by providing leadership and direction in the prevention of and control of diseases and other preventable conditions, and by responding to public health emergencies.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>
CMS is responsible for the oversight of the Medicare program, the federal portion of the Medicaid program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), the health insurance marketplace, and related quality assurance activities.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) – <http://www.cbo.gov>
Provides nonpartisan analysis of federal spending and cost estimates of legislation.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – <http://www.hhs.gov/>
HHS is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services.

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Federal Register – <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>

The daily journal of the United States government; find notices, rules, and other documents from federal agencies.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – <http://www.fda.gov/>

The FDA is charged with ensuring that food is safe, pure, and wholesome; human and animal drugs, biological products, and medical devices are safe and effective; and electronic products that emit radiation are safe.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – <http://www.gao.gov/>

An independent, nonpartisan agency often called the "Congressional watchdog;" search reports on how Congress is spending taxpayer dollars.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – <http://www.hrsa.gov/>

HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) – <http://www.nih.gov/>

NIH supports biomedical and behavioral research, conducts research in its own laboratories and clinics, trains promising young researchers, and promotes acquisition and distribution of medical knowledge.

Advocacy Organizations

American Academy of Dermatology - <https://www.aad.org/>

Information on dermatology and skin cancer issues.

American Cancer Society - <http://www.cancer.org/>

Information about cancer, treatment, prevention, research, and getting involved.

American Nurses Association (ANA) – <http://www.nursingworld.org/>

Information on nursing practice, education, and advocacy.

Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) - <http://www.dnanurse.org/>

The official site of DNA; check for updates on DNA's advocacy activities and priorities.

Kaiser Family Foundation – <http://www.kff.org/>

Articles, polls, and other information on health policy topics such as Medicare, Medicaid, health costs, and the Affordable Care Act.

League of Women Voters – <http://www.lwv.org/>

Find out who represents you and register to vote.

Nursing Community – <http://www.thenursingcommunity.org>

Information on the Nursing Community coalition, national nursing organization, and activities surrounding funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs.

News Outlets

CNN Politics – <http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/>

National political news.

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Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network (CSPAN) – <http://www.c-span.org/>
Provides CSPAN's broadcast schedules and live streaming of programming.

Politico – <http://www.politico.com/>
News from Capitol Hill.

Roll Call – <http://www.rollcall.com/>
News from Capitol Hill.

Washington Post – <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>
Daily local, national, and global news from Washington, DC.

Political Entities

Democratic Governors Association – <http://dga.net/>
Independent voluntary political organization organized to support Democratic governors and candidates; browse news about state governors' races, read about Democratic governors across the country, DGA events, and opportunities to get involved.

Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee – <http://dlcc.org/>
National committee providing strategic support and financial assistance to Democratic leaders and candidates at the state legislative level; browse news, state legislative information, events, and opportunities to get involved.

Democratic National Committee – <http://www.democrats.org/>
Offers daily news updates, policy analysis, email updates, and opportunities to participate in the political process.

Republican Governors Association – <http://www.rga.org/>
Voluntary association to support electoral and governing efforts of governors and candidates belonging to the Republican party; browse state news, read about Republican governors across the country, RGA research, and opportunities to get involved.

Republican National Committee – <http://www.gop.com/>
Dubbed the "hub of all information related to the Republican Party."

Republican State Leadership Committee – <http://www.rslc.com/>
The largest caucus of Republican state leaders; browse news, state legislative information, events, and opportunities to get involved.

State and Local Government Resources

Council of State Governments (CSG) – <http://www.csg.org/>
The only regional network for identifying and sharing ideas with state leaders in all three branches of government; get connected to state leaders via regional forums, programs, and events.

National Association of Counties (NACo) – <http://www.naco.org>
The only organization representing county governments.

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National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) – <http://www.ncsl.org/>
Bipartisan news, current events, information, and analysis on issues facing state legislatures.

National Governors Association (NGA) – <http://www.nga.org/>
Bipartisan organization of the nation's governors; provides information on state governors, best practices, and federal relations.

State Net – <http://www.statenet.com/>
Legislative data and reporting at the state level.

U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) – <http://usmayors.org/>
The official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more; browse legislation, best practices, meetings, and news.