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**Legislative Branch Resources**

*Information on the U.S. House of Representatives and their proceedings, including Member and Committee lists.*

*Information on the U.S. Senate, including Member and Committee lists.*

*Search legislation by bill number, topic, or sponsor to receive a bill’s summary, cosponsors, actions taken, and the legislative text.*

*Information about the Library of Congress and access to digital collections and the Library’s catalog.*

**Administrative Branch Resources**

*The official White House website; includes press statements, proclamations, position statements, and pending legislation.*

**Judicial Branch Resources**

*The official Supreme Court website; includes a Court calendar, information on current and past cases, and the Justices.*

**Federal Government Resources**

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Provides nonpartisan analysis of federal spending and cost estimates of legislation.*

*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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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](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.

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

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

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/](https://www.aad.org/)
Information on dermatology and skin cancer issues.

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

Information on nursing practice, education, and advocacy.

Dermatology Nurses’ Association (DNA) - [http://www.dnanurse.org/](http://www.dnanurse.org/)
The official site of DNA; check for updates on DNA’s advocacy activities and priorities.

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

Find out who represents you and register to vote.

Nursing Community – [http://www.thenursingcommunity.org](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

National political news.
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Provides CSPAN’s broadcast schedules and live streaming of programming.

News from Capitol Hill.

News from Capitol Hill.

Daily local, national, and global news from Washington, DC.

**Political Entities**

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.

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.

Offers daily news updates, policy analysis, email updates, and opportunities to participate in the political process.

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.

Dubbed the “hub of all information related to the Republican Party.”

The largest caucus of Republican state leaders; browse news, state legislative information, events, and opportunities to get involved.

**State and Local Government Resources**

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](http://www.naco.org)
The only organization representing county governments.
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*Bipartisan news, current events, information, and analysis on issues facing state legislatures.*

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

*Legislative data and reporting at the state level.*

*The official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more; browse legislation, best practices, meetings, and news.*