



# New Mexico Public Health Association

*"Promoting the health and well-being of all New Mexico"*

## WHO WE ARE

The New Mexico Public Health Association is working on behalf of every resident of New Mexico to fulfill our vision of New Mexico as a place where the resources, socioeconomic conditions, and environment exist in which ALL people can be healthy.


We hope the 2019 Regular Legislative Session will lead to great strides in promoting public health practice, policies, and systems that support health equity in New Mexico.


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## NMPHA 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES\*

The following legislative priorities and endorsements are a result of our NMPHA Annual Health Policy Legislative Forum in which advocates describe and briefly present their initiative in a general session, followed by a review and vote of the NMPHA Policy Committee and Board.

### HB 51

Protect access to safe and legal abortion

### HB 67

Increased funding for County and Tribal Health Councils

### HB 71

Increased funding for School Based Health Centers

### HB 90/SB 153

Allow adults with terminal diagnoses to request medical aid in dying

### HB 130

Penalties for negligent firearms storage when accessed by minors

### TBD

Increased taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products

### TBD

Add e-cigarettes to existing secondhand smoke laws

### SB 20

Update process of changing gender on NM birth certificate

### TBD

Health Security Act

### TBD

Medicaid Buy-In Plan

### HB 213/SB 123

Paid Family Medical Leave

### TBD

Require 80% renewables by 2040

**NOW IS THE TIME TO STRENGTHEN  
PUBLIC HEALTH IN NEW MEXICO!**

## ADDITIONAL NMPHA 2019 LEGISLATIVE POLICY ENDORSEMENTS\*

### ACCESS TO CARE



- Create multidisciplinary Advisory Council on palliative care
- Restore funding for cancer survivorship services
- Allow physicians to practice after one year of post-graduate training
- Require Medicaid coverage for chiropractic and acupuncture services
- Form a Bone Health Task Force to evaluate care
- Funding for long-acting reversible contraceptives help close cost gaps
- Funding for NM Public Health Institute to support health career pipelines

**YOUTH & FAMILIES**

- Prohibit minors under age 18 from using tanning devices
- Fund early childhood through increase in permanent land grant
- Eliminate automatic referral to protective services for prenatal substance use
- Require affirmative consent education in schools
- Require hospitals to provide infant sleep education
- Allow breastfeeding by incarcerated mothers
- Sustain and expand SUNPATH to accelerate students into workforce
- Restore funding to college affordability fund
- Increase the Child Tax Credit
- Increase funding for child care assistance
- Expand Medicaid coverage for home visiting services
- Increase funding to expand fruits and vegetables in schools
- Protection for pregnant workers

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Require Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation services
- Enable taxation and regulation of adult cannabis use
- Defelonization of drug possession
- Update bullying prevention statute to include restorative justice, etc.
- Expand criminal background checks on gun sales
- Required relinquishment of firearms by domestic violence offenders
- Mandate suicide awareness and prevention training for school staff
- Environmental analysis requirements like federal level for permitting
- NEPA- state/National Environmental Protection Act