

NATIONAL FUNDING POLICY AGENDA for NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CENTERS

Policy Statement

Many Americans are searching for accessible and affordable health care for themselves and their families. Nurse-managed health centers provide access to cost effective, high quality health care for residents of underserved communities.

As advocates, the nation's leading nurse-managed health center organizations believe it is time for policy makers to increase access to primary health care by eliminating local, state and national policies that impede consumer choice and access to nurse-managed health centers.

The National Nursing Centers Consortium, the National Network for Nurse Managed Health Centers, and the Midwest Nursing Centers Consortium have joined forces to promote policies that support nurse-managed health centers as a choice for accessible and affordable health care.

Policy Agenda

- **Promote policy and legislation that secure funding for nurse-managed health centers thus enabling them to become financially sustainable and continue to provide high quality accessible health care.**
- **Address existing health care payor policies that deny or limit reimbursement for care provided at nurse-managed health centers.**
- **Obtain prospective (cost-based) payment status for nurse-managed health centers.**

This Policy Agenda is endorsed by:

The National Nursing Centers Consortium

The National Network for Nurse-Managed Health Centers

The Midwest Nursing Centers Consortium

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