



SUMMIT AGENDA

NALEO Legislative Summit on Health

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Latinos represent the second largest population group in the nation. The overall health, and health outcomes, of this segment of the population are intricately tied to the future of the United States. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the rate of Latinos without health coverage decreased from 39 percent in 2013 to 29 percent in 2016. Large numbers of Latinos still live without coverage even though more than half qualify. With looming changes to how Americans will be able to access healthcare, there is concern that gains may be reversed. State legislators must now pivot and consider the ongoing and impending policy issues that will inform how they approach the access and delivery of quality and affordable healthcare for their constituents.

The NALEO Educational Fund's Legislative Summit on Health provided state legislators with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the health policies and legislation that state legislatures will tackle in future legislative sessions. This Summit explored the role state legislators and other state and federal lawmakers play in the development and implementation of the various aspects of health care policy and also examined its impact on state budgets and other policy areas.

The Summit's program covered:

- State Health Policy Trends
- Latino Health and Prevention Strategies
- The Future of the Affordable Care Act
- Challenges of the American Healthcare Delivery System:
 - Hospitals
 - Insurance
 - Drug Pricing
- Census 2020
- Federal Immigration Policy Update

The Summit convened state legislators, national and state experts, advocates, and other relevant stakeholders. Participants had an opportunity to discuss and develop strategic collaborations for addressing the challenges and opportunities around healthcare delivery. Policymakers received information on the latest research, studies and best practices; exchanged legislative policies and ideas; strengthened governance skills that support effective leadership in committee roles; and had the opportunity to network with colleagues and experts from throughout the country.

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

Vinoly Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Area

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

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9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Program Overview

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- Mr. Arturo Vargas, Executive Director,
NALEO Educational Fund

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Breakfast Program: The State of Healthcare in America –
A Legislative Perspective**

Vinoly Grand Ballroom 2

State legislators across America deal with the issue of healthcare through constituent concerns in their districts and as bills are introduced in their respective state capitols. Given the importance of this topic, it is helpful to identify regional and national trends at the state level to highlight areas of collaboration. During this session, participants heard from caucus chairs, health committee members, and other legislative leaders on the most pressing health policy issues for their respective states, as well as the challenges and opportunities they have in their legislative bodies to address healthcare.

Facilitator: Hon. Gustavo Rivera, New York State Senator;
Ranking Member, Committee on Health

- Hon. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Hawaii State Senator;
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
- Hon. Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas State Senator;
Chair, Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus;
Former NALEO President
- Hon. Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher,
California State Assemblymember;
Chair, Committee on Appropriations;
Vice Chair, California Latino Legislative Caucus

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10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hearing I: Latino Health Trends and Disease Prevention Strategies

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For Latinos, the leading causes of disease are heart disease, cancer, and high blood pressure. Social determinants, such as environment and occupation, and risk factors like exercise and nutrition contribute to these causes. To inform legislative action on health access, utilization and quality, this session provided an update on Latino health trends and described prevention strategies that have proven effective.

Chair: Hon. Luz Escamilla, Utah State Senator;
Member, Health and Human Services Committee

- Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, Executive Director,
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy,
The University of New Mexico
- Dr. Elena V. Rios, President and Chief Executive Officer,
National Hispanic Medical Association

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon Program: Census 2020, Make it Count

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1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Hearing II: The Affordable Care Act – Where Do We Go from Here?

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On July 28, 2017, the U.S. Senate failed to pass the “skinny repeal” of the Affordable Care Act. Similarly, last month, the U.S. Senate Graham-Cassidy bill failed to garner enough support. While the ACA remains in place, states face many questions as to future Congressional efforts to make changes to the law and actions by the President’s administration. Proposals could affect health insurance exchanges, insurance subsidies and credits, and Medicaid expansion. This session provided an update on efforts to “fix” the ACA and strategies states can use in the meantime to help maintain quality and affordable health insurance coverage for their constituents.

Chair: Hon. Armando “Mando” Martinez,
Texas State Representative

- Ms. Elisabeth Wright Burak, Senior Program Director, Center for Children and Families, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
- Ms. Martha P. King, Health Program Group Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Ms. Julie Kotchevar, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- Ms. Sinsi Hernández-Cancio, Director of Health Equity, Families USA

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2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hearing III: The Challenges of America's Healthcare Delivery System – Hospitals and Insurance

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Given the ongoing debate around the ACA, more attention has focused on how Americans receive health services, from hospitals to community health clinics and pharmacies, and how those services are paid for. During this session, participants heard from experts who provided the current national and regional state of health insurance markets, as well as those of hospitals. Legislators learned about opportunities they have to improve these sectors and ensure their constituents have access to them.

Chair: Hon. David Santiago, Florida State Representative;
Vice Chair, Health and Human Services Committee;
Vice Chair, Insurance and Banking Subcommittee

- Mr. Freddy Warner, Vice President, Government Affairs, Memorial Hermann Health System
- Ms. Sunshine Moore, Southwestern Regional Director for State Affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans
- Hon. Marguerite Salazar, Commissioner, Colorado Division of Insurance; Executive Director, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Opening Reception

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Hearing IV: The Challenges of America’s Healthcare Delivery System – Drug Pricing

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The increase in price of prescription drugs continues to be a focus of attention, both at the state and federal level. Drug pricing is very complex and policymakers must thoroughly understand how pricing works in order to inform effective policies that best address the needs of patients. From the manufacturer to the pharmacy benefit manager to the pharmacy and ultimately to the patient, there are several factors that affect the end-price of any particular drug. During this session, participants learned from experts on how drugs are priced and the opportunities legislators have to ensure patients have cost-effective access to their medications.

Chair: Hon. Dominick Moreno, Colorado State Senator;
Member, Appropriations Committee

- Ms. Asher Lisec, Senior Director, State Advocacy, PhRMA
- Ms. Ronna Hauser, PharmD, Vice President, Pharmacy Affairs, National Community Pharmacists Association
- Ms. Barbara Levy, Vice President and General Counsel, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association
- Ms. Pam Traxel, Senior Vice President, Alliance Development and Philanthropy, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Ms. Sunshine Moore, Southwestern Regional Director for State Affairs, America’s Health Insurance Plans

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Hearing V: The Challenges of America’s Healthcare Delivery System – Economics and Policy

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America’s healthcare delivery system is one of the most expensive in the developed world. Besides some of the factors that were introduced earlier in the Summit, participants learned additional information about cost drivers. Experts and policymakers provided their perspectives on the cost of healthcare and the role legislators have in mitigating these costs.

Chair: Hon. Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas State Senator;
Chair, Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus; Former NALEO President

- Dr. Claudia Díaz Fuentes, Lecturer,
Department of Economics, The University of New Mexico
- Hon. Hector De La Torre, Executive Director,
Transamerica Center for Health Studies;
Former California State Assemblymember
- Hon. Yvanna Cancela, Nevada State Senator

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Luncheon Program: **Federal Immigration Policy Update**

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- Ms. Shiu-Ming Cheer, Senior Staff Attorney and Field
Coordinator, National Immigration Law Center

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1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Legislative Roundtables on Specific Health Policy Issues

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These concurrent set of roundtable discussions allowed participants to delve deeper into particular policy issues armed with insights from items previously covered in the Summit agenda. Through a facilitated conversation, participants drew from their respective roles as policymakers to identify and discuss how they can strategically work with colleagues and stakeholders to improve health outcome in their states.

Vaccinations: Public Health or Private Choice

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Facilitator: Hon. Luz Escamilla, Utah State Senator;
Member, Health and Human Services Committee

- Ms. Catherine Flores Martin, Executive Director,
California Immunization Coalition

STAT: The Workforce Gaps in Healthcare

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Facilitator: Hon. Christopher Rosario,
Connecticut State Representative; Chief Majority Whip;
Chair, Connecticut Legislative Black and Puerto Rican Caucus

- Dr. Elena V. Rios, President and Chief Executive Officer,
National Hispanic Medical Association
- Ms. Sinsi Hernández-Cancio, Director of Health Equity,
Families USA

Long-term Care: Options and Funding

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Facilitator: Hon. César Blanco, Texas State Representative

- Ms. Sunshine Moore, Southwestern Regional Director for
State Affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans
- Ms. Megan Juring, Program Officer, The SCAN Foundation

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Legislative Open Mic

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Legislators share their health policy accomplishments, what they have learned during the Summit, and what health strategies or policies they may now want to try to implement during their next legislative sessions and in their districts.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Evaluation and Closing Remarks

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