

ANA and Health Care Reform

A History

ANA appoints a committee to study health insurance programs and their implications on nurses and patients.



1935

ANA's House of Delegates endorsed health care as a right of all people and urged the extension of social security to include health insurance for beneficiaries of old age, survivors, and disability insurance.

1958

ANA supports comprehensive system of health insurance benefits for all Americans.



"Nursing's Agenda for Health Care Reform" endorsed by 42 nursing organizations, including ANA, calls for a restructured health care system that focuses on consumers and their health.

1991

ANA weighed in to support elimination of gaps in prescription drug coverage and oppose privatization of Medicare.

2004

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law to reform the health care industry.



2010



ANA filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in the case of King v. Burwell in support of tax credit subsidies created by the ACA to purchase health insurance. Thanks to the subsidies, millions of previously uninsured Americans now have access to health insurance coverage.

2015

1944

Nursing organizations adopt a recommendation favoring the expansion of health insurance plans to provide for nursing service, including nursing care in the home.

1965

Health insurance for the aged became a benefit of the nation's social insurance system as a result of the passage of the Social Security Amendments of 1965.



1982

ANA makes it priority to urge federal government to assure access to quality care for poor, aged, unemployed, women, children, and physically and mentally disabled.

1995

ANA supports passage of health insurance portability legislation to guarantee individuals that lose their jobs can continue to have insurance.



2009

ANA President participates in White House Health Care Summit and calls for health care reform.

2012

ANA supports the Individual Mandate in in the NFIB V Sebelius Supreme Court case.



2017

ANA continues to advocate for high-quality, affordable health care for all during the ACA repeal efforts.