

2018 Policy Statement Gaps

This list identifies gaps where APHA either does not have relevant policy statements or the existing policy statements are outdated. APHA aims to adopt policy statements with an evergreen approach, avoiding tying proposals to specific legislation or finite timeframes that could quickly outdate a policy statement. Any APHA member or APHA component considering submitting a policy statement proposal is strongly encouraged to review this list and collaborate with other APHA components in developing proposals, so that new proposed policy statements fill identified gaps.

- Update and expand current policies into a single comprehensive policy on firearms as a public health issue (policy statements 9818 and 200320)
- Public health impact of energy use (update policy statement 7845PP*)
- Equity in transportation and land-use decisions (update policy statement 20099*)
- Gun violence as a public health issue (update policy statement 9818*)
- Selling and marketing of e-cigarettes to minors (update policy statement 20149*)
- Public health impact of immigration reform and policies (update and combine archived policy statements LB-10-02 and 200123)

**These policy statements have NOT been identified for archiving. If an update is not received, the existing policy statement will remain active.*

Policy statements identified for updating through archiving process

The following policy statements were removed from the 2016 archiving recommendations. The relevant member components should review these policy statements and determine whether it merits an update (with a new policy statement on the same issue) or should be archived. Updates to existing policy statements are held to the same [guidelines and review as new proposals](#).

Policy statements recommended for updating as a result of the annual policy statement review process must be updated within 2-years of identification. **If no update is received by the Joint Policy Committee within the allotted timeframe, the policy statement will be automatically archived.**

#	Title	Recommendation	Suggested Sections/Caucus/SPIGs/Components to review	Update by ¹
6702	Nurse Training Funds: Loan Forgiveness for Years of Nursing Work	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Public Health Nursing	2018
6710	Health Statistics and Comprehensive Health Planning	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Applied Public Health Statistics	2018
6711	Enforcement of Sanitation and Housing	Update to reflect current state of science and	Environment Occupational Health	2018

¹ The proposed update must be submitted by the February deadline of the given year

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	Laws	evidence	and Safety	
6713	Federal Support for Health	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	CHPPD	2018
6714	Population Policy for the United States	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	PRSH	2018
6715 (PP)	Improvement of Laboratory Services	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Occupational Health and Safety	2018
6716 (PP)	International Health	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	International Health	2018
6717 (PP)	Principles of Health Planning	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	CHPPD PHEHP	2018
6801	Health, Welfare and Hunger	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Food and Nutrition Medical Care CHPPD	2018
6803	Abortion	Update and combine with 8901	PRSH	2018
6805	Credentials for Health Occupations	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Occupational Health and Safety CHPPD	2018
6806	National Advisory Council on Human Ecology	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Environment	2018
6809	Health Professionals in Federally Funded Inner-City Comprehensive Health Service Projects	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Community Health Workers CHPPD	2018
6812 (PP)	The State Health Department	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	CHPPD Health Administration	2018
6814 (PP)	Environmental Health in Comprehensive Health Planning	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Environment PHEHP	2018
6815 (PP)	Health Research on Housing and the Residential Environment	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Environment CHPPD	2018
6816 (PP)	Performance Standards for Healthful Housing	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Environment CHPPD	2018
6819 (PP)	Improving the Quality of Health-Related Laboratory Services	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Occupational Health and Safety	2018

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6820 (PP)	Recreational Use of Public Water Supply Reservoirs	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence, especially including information on climate change.	Environment	2018
6821 (PP)	Multiphasic Screening	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Medical Care	2018
6819 (PP)	Improving the Quality of Health-Related Laboratory Services	Update to reflect current state of science and evidence	Occupational Health and Safety	2018