



American College of Preventive Medicine

2017 POLICY AGENDA

ACPM works to promote federal policy that advances the practice of preventive medicine across all levels of the health system. The College has a strong record of endorsing policies that bolster disease prevention and health promotion efforts that aim to improve the nation's health.

In 2017, ACPM will work to:

- Educate Congress and the Administration of the inherent value realized through training preventive medicine physicians, their impact on the health system, and the need to expand the preventive medicine training pipeline.
 - Expand support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for preventive medicine residency training programs to \$15 million annually.
- Ensure that any Obamacare replacement efforts maintain support for disease prevention and health promotion programs.
 - Support first dollar public and private insurance coverage of clinical preventive services (those that receive an A or B recommendation from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force);
 - Maintain current funding for public health activities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) including community prevention initiatives, research, surveillance and tracking, and public health infrastructure;
 - Support access to, and coverage of, adult immunizations as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), uphold vaccination requirements for school entry and limit vaccine exemptions to only those with medical contraindications; and,
 - Maintain all funding provided to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Protect the health of women and women's reproductive rights.
 - Ensure women's access to comprehensive, coordinated, and high quality reproductive health services to include education; emergency, short, and long-term contraception; sterilization; and abortion.

- Prevent continued firearm violence in communities across the country.
 - Support greater restriction on gun sales and background checks;
 - Bans on the possession, manufacture, transfer, sale, and import of assault weapons including large-capacity ammunition magazines;
 - Ensure access to mental healthcare for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and substance use disorders and full funding of federal incentives for states to provide information about disqualifying mental illnesses to the National Instant Check System for firearm purchasers;
 - Removal of all federal restrictions and adequate funding of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to study the effect of gun violence and unintentional gun-related injury on public health and safety; and,
 - Provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) to all 50 states and territories.

- Raise the minimum age of legal access to all tobacco products to 21 years and support Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversight of e-cigarettes and little cigars.

- Support a public health emergency fund at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with a minimum \$300 million investment.

- Oppose efforts that aim to question or refute the scientific evidence showing no linkage between vaccines and autism.