Public Policy Objectives

Understand nutrition-related federal legislation and the role of the RDN

Encourage active participation in the Public Policy process
Primary Public Policy Audience

- CNM DPG Members - where they live and vote
  - 100 U.S. State Senators
  - 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives
  - Governors
  - State legislators
  - Locally elected officials

- Public Policy Workshop (PPW)
  - June 2016 in Washington D.C.
Public Policy Goals

- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Lifecycle Nutrition
- Healthy Food Systems and Access
- Quality Health Care
Improving Health Across the Lifecycle & Healthy Food Access for Vulnerable Populations

- **Children’s Health**
  - Child Nutrition Re-authorization
  - Coverage under Medicaid & CHIP

- **Seniors’ Health**
  - Older Americans Act Re-authorization
  - Expanded Medicare Coverage
  - Malnutrition
Improving Health Across the Lifecycle & Healthy Food Access for Vulnerable Populations

- SNAP
  - Incentives for Fruits and Vegetables
  - Access to SNAP for Veterans
  - Nutrition Education

- Dietary Guidelines for Americans
  - Compromise in omnibus spending bill
  - Academy provided testimony on the scientific integrity of the DGA process
Hot Topic: Child Nutrition

- Academy led win for changes for RDNs working in residential child care institutions

- Pending legislation
  - Senate Bill Title: Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016
Quality Care, Disease Prevention & Treatment: Right Providers at the Right Time

- Access to RDN-provided or -led services for chronic disease prevention and treatment

- Specific Legislative Initiatives:
  - Preventing Diabetes in Medicare Act (H.R. 1686)
  - Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (S. 1509/H.R. 2404)

- Senate Chronic Care Working Group Policy Proposals
Quality Care, Disease Prevention & Treatment: Investing in the Next Century of Health Care

- Protect funding streams for critical programs:
  - Appropriations and the Federal Budget
  - Prevention and Public Health Fund

- Adapt to/drive changes in health care system:
  - Essential Health Benefits
  - Electronic Health Records
  - Telehealth
  - Alternative payment models
  - Quality measures
Appropriations

- Prevention and Public Health Fund

- Prevention Fund bill (HR 4725) passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee March 18

- March 23 - announcement that the National Diabetes Prevention Program will be eligible for Medicare Coverage
Take action!

- Action alerts
- http://www.eatrightpro.org/action%20center

- Collecting stories about the impact of these interventions - REPORT and keep track of SUCCESS stories!
Action alerts are still open!

- Only **4%** of members completed the Childhood Nutrition Action Alert
- Only **8.7%** of members completed the Treat & Reduce Obesity Action Alert

- As a leader, have you set an example by completing these action alerts?
Action Alerts

Congress Reauthorizes the Older Americans Act
04/07/2016 - The Senate voted to extend the Older Americans Act through September 30, 2017.

Michelle Obama High School Gardens
04/07/2016 - First Lady visits Dean School in Chicago to celebrate school gardens.

USDA Announces Support for Specialty Crop Challenge Program
04/05/2016 - The USDA has released a request for proposal for the Specialty Crop Challenge Program, which provides funding to increase the marketability of specialty crops.
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Advocacy

- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Lifecycle Nutrition
- Healthy Food Systems and Access
- Quality Health Care
- Action Center
  - Getting Started
  - Local Advocacy
  - Bills and Laws
  - Rules and Regulations
  - Public Policy Workshop
- Political Action Committee

Action Center

Amplify the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' voice for better food, nutrition and health policies. Learn how to speak effectively on behalf of public health and reformed health care policies and help build recognition that you are the food and nutrition experts!

Support for nutrition is not only good public policy, it is good politics. Members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics have the ability and responsibility to urge consumers and lawmakers to learn about the positive role nutrition plays in healthy lifestyles. Nutrition also plays an effective role in disease management and treatment. For both individuals and society, the benefits of eating right and exercising include improved qualities of life and lower health-care costs.

We urge you to use the resources provided by the Academy to ensure that your elected officials in Washington, D.C. know your views as both voters and nutritional and food professionals. Your activism is extremely important to the success of our agenda — and there are numerous ways to get involved.

- Write your legislator a letter
- Send your legislator a fax
- Send your legislator a direct email
- Call an elected official directly
- Educate others by spreading the word about important issues

Take Action ➔
Welcome to the Advocacy Action Center

Here are a few suggestions to assist you with participating in the Action Alert(s):

1. Click on the “Take Action” button below the action alert title.
2. Type your email address, zip code and press "Search for Me". If your contact information does not appear, then enter your information. Be sure all boxes with a red asterisk are completed.

If you experience any problems, please contact Teresa Nece at tnece@eatright.org

Thank you for taking action!

Available Action Alerts

Support Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016
Take Action

Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2015
Take Action
Additional Advocacy Resources

Categories
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Lifecycle Nutrition
- Healthy Food Systems and Access
- Quality Health Care
- Take Action
- ANDPAC

Topics
- Cancer
- Prenatal and Maternal Health
- Hunger and Food Security
- HITECH Act
- Getting Started
- What is a Political Action Committee?

To learn more about Preceptors, click here.
Why does public policy matter?

Strengthen your profession with a unified voice on critical issues

Educate your members of Congress about these issues and the value of your work for their constituents
Why does public policy matter?

Represent Academy members as essential members of the interdisciplinary health care team.

Communicate evidence-based nutrition science to protect the public.

*If Dietetics is your profession, policy should be your passion!*