

## NACHC Policy and Advocacy Contacts and Portfolios

Do you have specific policy or advocacy question but don't know who to reach out to? Learn about each department and the primary contacts for the issues that you're interested in!



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversees department activities and coordinates state &amp; CMS policy efforts</li> <li>Policy Partnerships</li> <li>Medicare and Medicaid Value-Based Efforts (e.g., Health Homes, ACOs)</li> <li>FQHC APMS</li> <li>Health Information Technology</li> <li>Public health and chronic disease programs</li> <li>Social Determinants of Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FQHC Medicare Payment Policy</li> <li>PACE</li> <li>FQHC Medicaid &amp; CHIP Payment</li> <li>Federal regulation and state shifts to managed care</li> <li>Telehealth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting FQHC payment and services in state law</li> <li>Medicaid Coverage and Eligibility</li> <li>Marketplaces</li> <li>Outreach &amp; Enrollment</li> <li>State Workforce Policy</li> <li>Behavioral Health/SUD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Funding to Health Centers</li> <li>PCA Policy Communication Platforms</li> <li>Tracking and monitoring key issue areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPHC policy and funding</li> <li>340B</li> <li>FTCA policy</li> <li>Shortage Designations, particularly auto-HPSAs</li> <li>Federal workforce programs</li> <li>Immigration policy</li> <li>Family Planning (Title X)</li> <li>Federal programs to expand broadband access</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>

## Working with Advocates

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- Advocacy Center of Excellence Program
- State Legislative Coordinators program/engagement/communications
- Advocacy Leadership Program
- Key Contact Program
- National Health Center Week
- Board Member Advocacy Certificate Program
- Advocacy Task Force
- Clinical Advocacy Advisory Group and general clinician/provider engagement
- Washington Update newsletter and all other advocacy email communications
- El Boletín de Defensores Spanish newsletter
- HC Advocacy & NHCW websites
- Social Media (HC Advocacy Facebook & Twitter; NACHC Instagram & YouTube)
- Advocacy platform and affiliate account management