Legislature Updates

- Oct 2 - H.R. 5653 - No Budget, No Pay Act
- Oct 2 - H.R. 5864 - Expanded Genetic Screening Act
- Oct 3 - S. 3006 - SAFE in Recovery Act
- Oct 3 - H.R. 5692 - Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024
- Oct 3 - H.R. 5865 - Native American Burial Sites and Cultural Resources Protection Act
- Oct 3 - H.R. 5876 - Building Child Care for a Better Future Act
- Oct 4 - S. 2415 - Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023
- Oct 4 - S. 3021 - Sustainable Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services in the Home Act
- Oct 16 - S. 2273 - Native American Child Protection Act
- Oct 16 - S. 3041 - A bill to reinstate certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran
- Oct 17 - S. 3060 - Youth Mental Health Research Act
- Oct 18 - S. 3069 - Breast Cancer Patient Equity Act
- Oct 19 - S. 3103 - Medical Debt Relief Act of 2023
- Oct 19 - S. 3106 - SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2023
- Oct 25 - S. 2231 - Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act
- Oct 25 - S. 3121 - 21st Century Dyslexia Act
- Oct 25 - S. 3136 - Extending Access to Addiction Treatment Act
- Oct 26 - S. 3138 - Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act
- Oct 26 - S. 3144 - Protecting Survivors from Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2023
- Oct 26 - S. 3157 - More Behavioral Health Providers Act of 2023
- Oct 26 - S. 3165 - Homelessness and Behavioral Health Care Coordination Act of 2023
- Oct 30 - S. 3171 - Reducing Obesity in Youth Act of 2023

How to get Involved

Go to: 5calls.org
- This website provides phone numbers and scripts on who to call to voice your concerns.

Helpful Links

- ACLU
- Global Health Council
- HPLA Website
- Congress.gov

Direct any questions to: Hplaadvocacy@snma.org
National Advocacy Forum

On October 20, 2023, SNMA members had an in-person advocacy day in Washington D.C. Students who attended were able to meet with physicians, health policy leaders, and professionals who are championing advocacy efforts in their local communities. Along with meeting with current leaders in advocacy the national advocacy forum also included webinars. Those who attended the webinars were able to learn about Public Health Advocacy 101 and Strategies for Improving Black Maternal Health outcomes.

Students met with representatives on behalf of:
- Senator Bob Casey - PA
- Rep Alma Adams - NC
- Senator Tammy Baldwin - WI
- Senator Bill Cassidy - LA
- Rep Lucy McBath - GA
- Senator Mark Mullin - OK
- Senator Patty Murray - WA
- Senator John Hickenlooper - CO

Students also went to the following constituent coffees:
- Senator Hassan - NH
- Senator Braun - IN
- Senator Young - IN

On November 4, 2023, many gather for pro-Palestinian march in D.C. to demand Gaza cease-fire. (Go to NPR for more details on this story)

Congressional updates to date of resolutions passed in the House:
- RH.Res.798 and S.Res.418. Resolution condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education.
- H.Res.771-Resolution standing with Israel.
- Go to Congress.gov for more details.

Breaking down legislature- S.2415 - Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023

This bill was introduced in the Senate October 4th. It has not been passed in the House or Senate yet. The aim of this bill is to have the CDC annually review and distribute best practices to decrease maternal deaths until the year 2028. It has long been shown that black maternal mortality rates are higher in the U.S. and this bill may have some impact in addressing causes and providing solutions.

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