

2019 LEGISLATIVE HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM



The allocation of state funds is the most important responsibility of state legislators. Given the large portion of the state budget dedicated to health care and health-related services, the decisions legislators make regarding health policy have tremendous impact on North Carolina's economy and the health of individuals and communities across the state. The Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program will provide General Assembly members with the data and resources needed to make effective and evidence-based decisions about the health of our state. Over three full-day sessions during the fall of 2019, fellows will learn about health issues facing North Carolina, the state's priorities for health care delivery, and challenges and opportunities for improving the health of all North Carolinians. Participants will also have opportunities to network with health policy researchers, state agency staff, and legislative colleagues.

"This program will help me better understand legislation that comes before me, improve legislation, and write amendments. It will also help me speak to my constituents more confidently, with data to back me up. I thought it was very useful, especially as a new legislator, to be with my counterparts... I liked that we were able to get together, all of us, from both the Senate and the House, the two different parties, and have discussions and learn together, and have more evolving bipartisan policymaking - I'm a big fan of the program." -Representative Cynthia Ball, 2018 NCIOM Legislative Health Policy Fellow

"The format was superb, bringing in experts and then facilitating discussion. Our legislators are responsible for health policy, so bringing in experts who are able to answer our questions, that is excellent." -Representative Gregory Murphy, 2018 NCIOM Legislative Health Policy Fellow

SESSION INFORMATION

Program sessions will include presentations and panels from health policy experts, policymakers, and nationally renowned guest speakers. Participants will also select topics for future research and publication as NCIOM issue briefs. Legislative Health Policy Fellows will be recognized and awarded with certificates at a reception at the conclusion of the program.

All sessions will be held at NCIOM, 630 DAVIS DRIVE, SUITE 100, MORRISVILLE, NC 27560

ENROLLMENT

The Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program is best suited for early career legislators (those in their first three terms) but is open to all legislators who want to learn more about health policy resources. Please note, enrollment is limited to 20 legislators. To enroll in the Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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SESSION 1

What Are the Drivers and Impacts of Health Policy?
October 7, 2019 | 9am to 4pm

- Systems thinking and stakeholder engagement for bipartisan policymaking
- Health policy and the economy
- Evidence-based policy and practice
- Drivers of health and health outcomes
- Health Care Costs

SESSION 2

How is Health Care Financed?
November 4, 2019 | 9am to 4pm

- Private market insurance, including employer-based insurance
- Medicaid and NC Health Choice (cost, trends, eligibility, current status of Medicaid transformation and options for closing the coverage gap)
- Scope of practice
- The opioid epidemic - an update and lessons from other states
- Medicare

SESSION 3

What Makes A Health Care System?
December 9, 2019 | 9am to 4pm

- Health care delivery
- Access to care and gaps in care (including rural/urban access)
- Health care workforce
- End of life care
- Safety net health care providers
- Telehealth and other innovative models of care
- Behavioral health and integrated care

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The North Carolina Institute of Medicine was chartered by the NC General Assembly in 1983. The mission of the NCIOM is two-fold:

- To seek constructive solutions to statewide problems that impede the improvement of health and efficient and effective delivery of healthcare for all North Carolina citizens.
- To serve an advisory function at the request of the Governor, the General Assembly, and/or agencies of state government, and to assist in the formation of health policies on complex health issues facing the state.

2019 SESSIONS