

Questions for Health Policy Discussion:

1. Identify a health care health policy related to one of the following:
 - a. Is important to your professional safety.
 - b. Is important to health care access.
 - c. Is important to payment for health care services.
 - d. Is important to the provision of health care
 - e. That is important to nursing education
2. Discuss how this health care policy affects nursing services

Example: Mandates (not necessarily a policy) to wear masks; stay 6 feet apart; or that there be no indoor dining if Covid-19 rates increase beyond specified levels.

Possible Topics:

1. Policy(ies) that relate to decision making around childbirth, obstetrics violence, and birth trauma. i.e. abortion, domestic abuse, rape, drug use in pregnancy both illegal or prescribed.
2. Policy(ies) that affect the weeks of pregnancy when a fetus is considered viable and thus life-saving measures can be instituted.
3. Policy on requiring vaccinations in order to go to school—
4. Policies that determine whether acute care facilities qualify for federal funding from Medicare i.e. length of stay, readmission,
5. Policies regulating the insurance industry
6. Policies requiring seatbelts, car seats for specific age or size child, or helmets for motorcyclists
7. Employer policies mandating specific health tests or vaccinations like influenza shots or the Covid -19 vaccine
8. Policies requiring specific levels of pollutants in the air example: lead-based emissions, coal-burning emissions, manufacturing run off into water sources, herbicide run off from farming into water sources,
9. Mandatory reporting of child abuse, elder abuse, domestic partner abuse
10. Mandatory reporting of specific diseases or STI's
11. OSHA policies for safety equipment in the workplace
12. Employment policies for required length of time to work without a break ex: how often are nurses allowed to take a break during a 12-hour shift; how many hours in a row can nurses be required/allowed to work; how much time between shifts is mandated; how many hours can a long-haul trucker drive in a row without a long period of rest.
13. Policies on texting or talking on phone while driving
14. Policies for qualifications/restrictions of who can sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
15. Policies on regulation of e-cigarettes/ vaping
16. Policies regulating employers providing health/medical insurance.
17. Policies requiring how home care workers are paid i.e. does the individual have to pay the social security benefits
18. Policies regulating cost of medications
19. Healthcare Information Portability and Protection Act (HIPPA) laws on use of electronic medical record, sharing of information, and it's effects on health care and health outcomes.
20. Policies on surprise billing procedures