



Unnecessary Documentation Burdens Create Barriers to Health and Democracy for All

Barriers to voting are barriers to health. A new proposal before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) would require documentary proof of citizenship to register for federal elections, blocking millions of eligible voters without improving election security. Evidence shows restrictive voting laws harm public health and deepen inequities. A healthy democracy is essential for a healthy nation. [Read the full article.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Voting is Not Only Good for the Public's Health but for Public Health, Too

A growing body of evidence shows a consistent 25-year relationship between an inclusive, representative democracy, and community health. When we're healthier, we're more likely to vote, and communities that vote experience better health. This evidence bolsters the expanding number of leading health organizations and institutions that recognize voter access as a pathway for advancing health equity.

Resources



The Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort

The Network for Public Health Law's Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort (RHE Cohort) helps public health departments, community organizations, and advocates use law and policy to address structural racism and advance racial justice. Through tailored legal technical assistance, training, and peer learning, the program strengthens the capacity of organizations to design and implement equity-focused strategies that improve community

health. This fact sheet shares real examples of how the Network supports organizations across the country in tackling structural barriers and advancing racial justice and health equity.

Webinar Recording



Reproductive Health Care: Anticipated Changes and Potential Impacts Under the New Administration

In this webinar, held on October 16, presenters discussed an overview of changes in law and policy that impact access to reproductive health care directly or through indirect measures that deter pregnant people from seeking care, including changes to Title X and Medicaid funding and the elimination of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy.

Worth Sharing

APHA 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo

November 2-5, Washington, D.C.

We're proud to share that the Network for Public Health Law will be presenting at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Expo, one of the largest gatherings of public health professionals in the world. Each year, more than 12,000 experts and partners come together to collaborate, learn, and advance the field of public health.

This year, our team is contributing two exciting presentations:

- **Sunday, November 2 @ 2:30PM:** [*Using Law to Address the Health Gap for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated People*](#), with Kathi Hoke, J.D.; Sara Rogers, M.P.H.; Michael Abrams, J.D.; and Emma Kaeser, J.D.
- **Wednesday, November 5 @ 8:30AM:** [*Act for Public Health: Navigating public health authority law and policy to respond to public health emergencies*](#), with Allison Winnike, J.D.

We're honored to join colleagues from around the world in exploring innovative ways that law and policy can promote better health for all.

2026 NACCHO360 Annual Conference

July 14-17, 2026 Louisville, Kentucky

The call for abstracts for the 2026 NACCHO360 Annual Conference, to be held July 14-17, 2026, in Louisville and virtually, is officially open! This year's theme, "Racing Forward, Swinging Big: United for Public Health's Future," calls on the public health community to stay focused, swing with purpose, and race toward a future built on innovation, resilience, and access for all. [Submit Here.](#)

Tell Us What You're Working On. We're Ready to Help.

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Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

- Identify the ways in which laws and policies may or may not impact a particular project or community; or the potential impact on different populations within a community.
- Provide examples of and compare public health laws or policy strategies from other jurisdictions.
- Analyze the legal authority to implement a policy or law, or reforms.
- Apply equity tools to laws and policies.

Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as a tool to improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network!](#)**

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