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NoHLA is the consumer voice in the health care debate. For 20 years, we've been working to improve access to health care for all Washington residents to advance health as a human right. Our work includes:

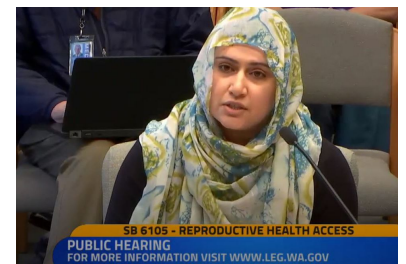
- Ensuring effective state implementation of federal health reform.
- Advocating to guarantee full contraceptive coverage in insurance plans.
- Helping to shape new laws that protect Washington residents, moving toward universal coverage.
- Spurring improvements in equitable, affordable care for all.



NoHLA's work ahead

Our priorities over the next generation of advocacy include:

- Representing the interests of consumers as state agencies implement new laws.
- Eliminating coverage and affordability gaps.
- Informing our community and fighting back against threats to equitable health care access.
- Ensuring immigration status and language are never barriers to health care access.
- Working toward universal, equitable health access for all at the state and county levels.



How to get involved

- Sign up for our e-newsletter at www.nohla.org to stay connected with local and national fights for equitable access to health care.
- Engage on current health care access and equity issues on social media.
- Check out our website for up-to-date information and analysis for consumers, advocates, and policymakers.
- Ask your company or organization to sponsor a NoHLA training or community event – contact nohla@nohla.org.
- Donate to NoHLA. We can't do it without you!



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NoHLA Advocacy: 2019 Year in Review

In 2019, NoHLA worked to expand coverage for immigrants, advocated for laws to increase consumer health insurance protections and affordability, and successfully sought improvements in reproductive health and language access. We've fought against harmful federal proposals through amicus curiae court briefs, commented on rules that would restrict access, provided trainings, and encouraged supporters to take action at critical points. We also celebrated our 20th anniversary with colleagues, friends, and new NoHLA supporters.



Here are just some of the victories in which NoHLA played a significant role:

- Helped to shape the law, rules, and consumer notice that prohibit “surprise” out-of-network billing after a five-year effort.
- Ensured that protections of the Affordable Care Act were placed in state law, including those preserving the anti-discrimination rules.
- Advocated successfully for the Reproductive Health Access for All Act, extending the current family planning program to immigrants regardless of status with income up to 260% of the federal poverty level.
- Spurred the Insurance Commissioner to begin improving accessibility of information to limited English proficient Washingtonians.
- Served on workgroups to design a state standard health insurance plan and to improve access to behavioral health care.
- Contributed to an amicus curiae brief cited in a court decision blocking the harmful “public charge” rule while litigation continues.

As a voice for consumers, NoHLA also participated in drafting amicus curiae briefs in cases in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the exclusion of hearing aids from insurance coverage, and opposing federal Title X rules prohibiting family planning clinics from providing abortion or discussing it as an option.

We thank our partners for providing support for our work in 2019:

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