

# 2021 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 2021, 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.

"My experience in the Legislative Health Policy Fellows program was wonderful. As a new legislator, I did not have a lot of experience or background in health care. I left the program feeling more confident in my abilities and I was able to make great connections with the staff of NCIOM as well as my colleagues in my Fellows class."  
-Representative Julie von Haefen, District 36 - Wake, 2019 NCIOM Legislative Health Policy Fellow

"Not only was the material we covered extremely helpful, but I was able to get to know more personally several members from across the aisle. The setting and activities were engaging and informal. It was both necessary and natural to be drawn into the subject at hand and forget about party."  
-Representative Verla Insko, District 56 - Orange, 2019 NCIOM Legislative Health Policy Fellows

"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."  
-Former Representative Gregory Murphy, District 9-Pitt, 2018 NCIOM Legislative Health Policy Fellow

## Session Content

- Factors that drive our health outcomes
- How health impacts the economy
- Factors that affect health care costs
- Important things to know about US health policy
- Current topics in health (opioid epidemic, etc.)
- The safety net for health care
- How Medicaid works in North Carolina
- North Carolina's local public health system
- Health care workforce and scope of practice

## SESSION 1

October 4, 2021 | 9am to 4pm

## SESSION 2

November 1, 2021 | 9am to 4pm

## SESSION 3

December 6, 2021 | 9am to 4pm

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## JOIN US

The Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program is open to all legislators, regardless of the amount of time they have served in the General Assembly. 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 INFORMATION

Program sessions will include presentations and panels from health policy experts, policymakers, and nationally renowned guest speakers. Legislative Health Policy Fellows will be recognized and awarded with certificates at a reception at the conclusion of the program.

Our goal is to hold in-person sessions at NCIOM, 630 Davis Dr, Suite 100, Morrisville, NC 27560. However, we acknowledge the uncertainty of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and will monitor public health recommendations for in-person meetings and adjust plans accordingly.

## ABOUT THE NCIOM | Learn more at: [www.nciom.org](http://www.nciom.org)

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.