

Resolution: Emergency

TITLE: IN SUPPORT OF ADVOCACY FOR POLICIES SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE AND QUALITY CARE

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WHEREAS, the National Student Nurses' Association's (NSNA) mission is to advocate for high-quality, evidence-based, affordable, and accessible healthcare; and

WHEREAS, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development of the 30 developed nations, the United States is consistently ranked low in regards to standard measures of health status; and

WHEREAS, having health insurance and access to care increases the overall health within a nation; and

WHEREAS, socioeconomic status is linked to a wide range of health problems, and should not be a barrier to access to healthcare or health insurance; and

WHEREAS, disparities in healthcare must be targeted in order to increase healthcare access, quality, outcome, and affordability through insurance; and

WHEREAS, healthcare must be patient centered to ensure all individuals have access to the care that is tailored to their specific needs, which improves health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, consumer-driven healthcare systems empower individuals to make decisions that will directly improve their health; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NSNA continue to publish press releases to be shared on all of its platforms, informing the media and public of its position concerning health care and health insurance, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA design a website banner promoting this topic to be included among the rotating website banners for at least one month, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish resources regarding its position on health care and health insurance on their website, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish articles in *Imprint* regarding this topic, if feasible; and be it further

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that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, National Federation of Nurses, Deans' Nursing Policy Coalition, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, American Medical Association, American Organization of Nurse Executives, Sigma Theta Tau International, National Association for Public Health Policy, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, American Academy of Nursing, Academy Health, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.