

February 10, 2023 – National Hispanic Medical Association Legislative Update

NHMA is proud to have supported several advocacy activities at the state and federal levels over the past month to improve the wellbeing of Hispanic healthcare professionals and patients across the country.

- On January 26, 2023, the NHMA Texas Chapter and our partner Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility (TDSR) hosted their fifth annual public health policy forum, ‘Gun Violence: A Preventable Public Health Epidemic.’ NHMA applauds NHMA Board Member and Texas Chapter Co-Chair Dr. Bert Johansson as well as Texas Chapter Co-Chair and TDSR President and Board Chair Dr. Jaime Estrada for convening health experts, public officials, and community leaders for a powerful discussion on advancing collective action. [Read our full statement on gun violence here.](#)
- We are closely monitoring the Texas district court case *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration* that challenges the FDA’s approval of mifepristone — one of two pills typically used in medication abortion care — and could effectively ban the medication from being carried or prescribed anywhere in the United States.
- NHMA will be holding talks on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at our 26th Annual Conference in Chicago, IL regarding the future of affirmative action and what it means for medical education moving forward. We are proud to have signed on to the AAMC’s amicus brief last summer expressing our support for consideration of race in higher education admissions.
- We strongly support the Biden administration’s FY23 omnibus bill providing funding for campaigns that seek to lessen the burden of changes to Medicaid following the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The legislation supplies states with enhanced federal funding provided that they adopt certain protections during the redetermination process to improve accessibility for Medicaid applicants. It also provides children with continuous coverage under Medicaid or CHIP effective January 1, 2024, as well as permanently extend the state plan option to allow states to provide Medicaid coverage for up to one year postpartum