

A photograph of three women smiling. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a dark top. The woman in the center has dark hair, wears glasses, a colorful patterned scarf, and a dark jacket. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing a dark top. The photo is slightly dark and serves as a background for the newsletter header.

HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Newsletter | Spring 2022

Welcome to the Spring 2022 issue of the NCL Health Advisory Council (HAC) Newsletter! We hope you enjoy reading about our health policy advocacy, a Q&A with Jonah from the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors, updates from fellow HAC Members, and more.

Please join us in welcoming the Health Advisory Council's newest members: Infusion Access Foundation (IAF), The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD), and National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)



Save the Date: Health Advisory Council Meeting – June 10

The next HAC meeting will take place in Washington, DC (in person) on June 10th from 12-2pm. This meeting will feature an update on NCL's health policy work and a panel discussion on the potential for Telehealth to improve health equity in women's health care. Panelists will include speakers from the National Partnership for Women & Families, Favor (formerly The Pill Club), and 2020 Mom.



NCL health policy at work

NCL staff are hard at work on CBD education and advocacy, vaccine confidence, the *Script Your Future* program, and more.

[Click here to read about NCL's current health policy work.](#)



Member updates

[Get the latest updates](#) on programs, policy, and initiatives from our Members, including America's Health Insurance Programs, Eli Lilly, the Health Equity Council, and others!



Member spotlight: NACBHDD

Get to know Health Advisory Council Member National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability, with [Q&A with Jonah from the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors](#).



ICYMI: Further reading from NCL

Blogs

NCL's Director of Health Policy Jeanette Contreras wrote a blog on the lack of competition allows PBMs to easily manipulate the price and make it impossible for consumers to get a fair deal. Read [here](#).

In the news

NCL applauds federal funding for maternal health in 2022 appropriations. The National Consumers League applauds the passage of the 2022 omnibus appropriations act. The appropriations bill, signed into law, includes over \$1 billion in federal funding to support critical maternal health provisions needed to address the nation's alarming maternal mortality rates. Read more [here](#).

NCL Executive Director Sally Greenberg penned an op-ed with Theodore L. Caputi featured in [ROI New Jersey](#) discussing how consumers have been bombarded with misleading and often confusing information, including unsubstantiated claims that cannabis and CBD can prevent, treat or even cure COVID-19.

Advocacy

The National Consumers League held a panel discussion joined by experts from Health Capital Group, the Community Oncology Alliance, and Johns Hopkins on this new white paper, which analyzes 340B's impact on hospital profit margins and charitable care spending and attempts to quantify the amount of program benefits accruing to covered entities, contract pharmacies and patients. Watch the recording [here](#).

Full newsletter

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We want to hear from you!

If you have time-sensitive information and updates you'd like to share with the Health Advisory Council in between NCL's quarterly newsletters, please contact Jeanette Contreras (jeanettec@nclnet.org), and we will be happy to forward your materials to the Council membership. We also encourage you to contact us with your ideas and suggestions for Council activities.

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