

Health & Medicine's 2026 Policy Priorities

Aging Equity

Aging equity, in which people can live and age in place within their home and community of choice with dignity, care, and purpose.

Healing-Centered and Trauma-informed State

Public and non-governmental agencies and organizations implement trauma-informed, healing-centered policies, practices, and training.

Health Workforce

The public health and health care sectors provide high-quality jobs, with hiring and retention policies that advance equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Health Care as a Human Right

A guaranteed human right to health care through universal public health insurance coverage and equitable health care that is free at the point of care.

Housing Justice

Healthy, safe, affordable, equitable, and accessible housing for all

Public Health

High-capacity governmental public health and progress on reducing structural inequities

Reproductive Justice

Reproductive justice, in which all people have the right to have a child, not have a child, and to raise children in safe, healthy environments

To view our policy agenda in more detail, [click here](#) or scan this QR code.



Health & Medicine's mission, vision, and values guide our policy priorities.

Health & Medicine stands for human rights and the public's health, and we condemn political violence in all its forms. Our policy agenda is both forward-looking in terms of our longstanding commitments to human rights and health equity—and responsive to the traumatic assaults on our communities and current threats to human rights, public health, and democracy. Our policy priorities include legislation, planning, and transforming governmental systems to advance health equity and human rights.

This is a dangerous political moment. The federal government is attacking the rights of immigrants, women, trans people, disabled people, unhoused people, people living in poverty, Black people, Brown people, and other marginalized people. Medicaid coverage and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are being sacrificed to prioritize tax cuts for billionaires. Meanwhile, fundamental constitutionally protected freedoms are under attack.

Health & Medicine's mission is to build power and momentum for social justice and health equity in Illinois.

Our vision is a society free of social and health inequities so that all people can attain their full potential.



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