

## District of Columbia Greater Washington Region 2024-2025 Public Policy Agenda

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- ♥ **Cardiac Events in Schools (DC):** Ensure schools establish, utilize and maintain cardiac emergency response plans (CERP) at schools and school athletic events and facilities that integrate evidence-based elements in accordance with AHA or nationally recognized standards.
- ♥ **CPR in Schools Implementation Funding (DC, Local in MD, VA):** Continue to secure funding for schools to implement skill-based CPR training, which adheres to national guidelines for high school graduation
- ♥ **Healthy School Meals for All (DC):** Support expansion of healthy school meals to the greatest extent possible, with funding that supports full healthy school meals for all students in all schools.
- ♥ **Increase Tobacco Tax (DC):** Increase cigarette tax by at least \$1 per pack, increase e-cigarette and other tobacco product tax in parity with cigarettes.
- ♥ **Water Access in Schools (DC):** Increase access to drinking water in schools to encourage water consumption throughout the school day and during school-based activities; and ensure all newly constructed schools and schools undergoing major renovations have bottle filling stations.
- ♥ **Healthy Food Access (DC, Local in MD, VA):** Expand SNAP healthy food incentive programs which provide a financial match of benefits spent on fruits and vegetables; expand prescription programs that serve patients who need to increase fruit and vegetable consumption to treat a diagnosed condition.
- ♥ **Expand Self-Measured Blood Pressure Coverage (DC):** Support expansion of Medicaid coverage for clinical services for self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) programs for the diagnosis and management of hypertension.

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