

NACo Health Steering Committee

Proposed 2012 Legislative Priorities

1. **Protect Medicaid:** Maintain the original federal-state-local partnership for financing and delivering Medicaid services, and opposing cuts, block grants and other measures that will shift Medicaid costs to counties. (amended in by Policy Committee: *this cost will be paid for by eliminating unnecessary medical procedures*)
2. **Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund:** Assure ongoing support for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), including opposing all efforts to cut or divert the PPHF.
3. **Eliminate "Inmate Exception":** Work to eliminate the federal health benefits "inmate exception" for persons in county jails and detention centers who are in custody pending disposition of charges.
4. **Support SAMHSA Funding:** Support full funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grants, both of which provide funds for direct services.