

# NCPHA 2025 Legislative Priorities

## 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities

Key Priority: SUPPORT legislation that would raise the age that youth can purchase vaping and tobacco products from 18 to 21 to match the federal age requirement; and legislation that would require retailers who sell tobacco to be licensed or permitted.

ENDORSE legislation that will provide recurring state funding for local public health foundational capabilities and essential services, to include increased capacity for communicable disease response and support for the public health workforce, as listed in the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors Legislative Priorities.

ENDORSE legislation that would increase access to oral health care and support workforce utilization.

MONITOR any legislation that would impact access to a full range of reproductive health care.

ENDORSE any legislation that would support early education opportunities for children and childcare choices for working parents.

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