

2023 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA



Elections and Civic Engagement

We aim to engage health care delivery organizations and health care providers “all year, and in all years.” This idea is drawn from the Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) strategy, where civic engagement organizations work with stakeholders to sustain voter engagement beyond election years and in ongoing efforts like “community organizing, issue campaigns, and public policy advocacy.”¹To this end, Civic Health Alliance will engage health care professionals and health care delivery organizations in ongoing public policy advocacy to support elections and civic engagement issues. Some policies may include changes in state voting laws, such as amendments to absentee or mail-in voting or federal government efforts to increase voter registration. Elections are nonpartisan, and advocating for fair elections allows health care workers to advocate for policies protecting health. The key aim of the 2023 public policy strategy is to ensure that elections are conducted fairly and efficiently and that state election laws are enforced.



Why It Matters

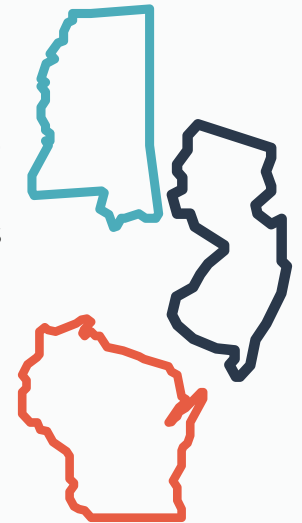
- Civic engagement is shown to have positive impacts on the health and well-being of individuals and communities.²

Jurisdictions

Six gubernatorial and special congressional elections will occur in 2023, with primary elections beginning as early as February 21, 2023, and general elections ending on November 28, 2023. In addition to activating voter outreach in jurisdictions nationwide, Civic Health Alliance will focus RxVote campaign efforts in the three jurisdictions identified below.

- Mississippi
- Wisconsin
- New Jersey

These states represent a mix of battleground or swing states, red and blue states, and different regions of the country, ranging from the Northeast, South, and Midwest.



Who We Are

- The Civic Health Alliance is a non-partisan coalition of health and civic leaders allied around a common cause: the advancement of America’s health through civic engagement in care settings and communities.

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