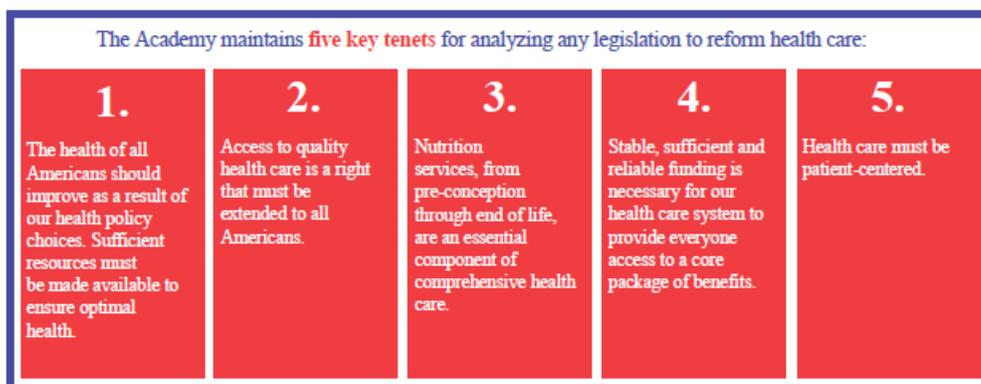


Public Policy Workshop (PPW) 2017 UAND Summary
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Wendy and Nikki attended PPW 2017 on June 25 and 26, 2017 in Washington D.C. to advocate for nutrition services in the new health care bill and the Farm Bill. The priority focus issues for the Academy were to

1. Preserve funding for chronic disease prevention programs that were funded since 2010 through the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which probably will not be included in the American Health Care Act.
2. Preserve funding for SNAP-Ed and EFNEP when the Farm Bill is reauthorized later this year.

We met with health aides from each of Utah's U.S. Congress members. We explained the minimum credentials required to be a RDN, services that RDNs provide in various care settings throughout Utah, and the 5 key tenets the Academy uses to analyze any legislation to reform health care (see sidebar).



We also provided statistics and participant stories about the successes for SNAP-Ed and EFNEP through Utah State University Extension's Food \$ense program to encourage continued funding for these programs in the Farm Bill. We discussed the impact of the Utah programs currently funded through the Prevention and Public Health Fund (learn more at <http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/UT-Fund-at-Work.pdf>). Lastly, we encouraged our Congress members to sign the Resolution to

The message that we heard repeatedly from our Congress members' staff is that they want to ensure local and state agencies have more control and oversight of programs funded by any of these methods, and that chronic disease prevention is a key priority for all of them to reduce overall healthcare costs and disease burden. All seemed supportive of our efforts to maintain access to nutrition services.

Notable mentions:

- Senator Mike Lee wants health care to become more patient-centered, with the patient having more influence over his/her own care decisions. He will continue to advocate for a healthcare bill that respects and provides for this.
- Senator Hatch is the co-chair of the Senate Chronic Disease Workgroup, and has co-authored the CHRONIC Act to implement Medicare payment policies to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit. This bill aligns with the Academy's Public Policy Priority of chronic disease prevention, improving access to health care and working to eliminate of health disparities among racial, ethnic and other

disadvantaged groups, so the Academy strongly supports this bill. We thanked Senator Hatch and his staff for their work on this important topic.

