



2012 Policy Agenda

Legislative Priorities

Secure Resources for Healthy Housing and Energy Efficiency:

- Develop and maintain dedicated appropriations for lead poisoning prevention, healthy homes, and weatherization programs.
 - Restore appropriations for lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - Support appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) lead hazard control and healthy homes programs.
 - Maintain Weatherization Assistance Program Funds.
 - Support funding for Weatherization services through competitive innovation grants.

Enable Flexibility and Leveraging of Federal Health, Housing, and Energy Resources:

- Enable more flexible use of federal categorical funding for programs such as the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program and HUD's Lead Hazard Control Program

Achieve Passage of Authorizing Legislation for Healthy Housing:

- Achieve enactment of the Healthy Housing Council Act (S. 1617).

Executive Branch Priorities

Support Flexibility and Leveraging of Federal Health, Housing, and Energy Resources:

- Eliminate differences in eligibility qualifications by establishing reciprocity for federal lead poisoning prevention, healthy homes, and weatherization programs.
- Incorporate healthy home assessments into the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.
- Enable Medicaid dollars to pay for housing-based health assessments and interventions for individuals with asthma.
- Restore appropriations for lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

State and Local Priorities

Support and Enable State and Local Healthy Housing Policy Adoption:

- Develop a national health-based housing standard.
- Support the adoption, strengthening, and implementation of the International Property Maintenance Code.
- Adopt Energy Efficiency as the 8th element of a Healthy Home.
- Support state and local jurisdictions in securing consistent Medicaid reimbursement for environmental investigations for lead and housing-based health assessments and interventions for individuals with asthma.