



2017-2018 Action Agenda Report Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force

The Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (Task Force) was established in 1995 to advise the Governor and the General Assembly on the prevention and management of heart disease and stroke in North Carolina. The Task Force adopted its **Action Agenda** for the 2018 session on October 25, 2017. The Action Agenda outlines recommendations for legislative action on issues of particular interest to the Task Force. Task Force members review current heart disease and stroke data and examine evidence-based strategies for the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease as they consider the feasibility of pursuing each recommendation on the Action Agenda.

The Task Force designates four categories of support for its priorities:

Level of Support	Description
Support	The Task Force takes leadership on the issue
Endorse	The Task Force endorses an action that is important to preventing heart disease and stroke that is being advanced by another group
Administrative	The Task Force seeks to advance issues which may not require legislation
Track and Monitor	The Task Force monitors certain issues that may require action at a later time

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Level of Support	Recommendation	Status as of June 1, 2018*
Support	Assure coverage of all cardiovascular-related USPSTF A and B preventive services for all Medicaid enrollees	Task Force requested that NC Division of Medical Assistance cover all cardiovascular-related preventive services
Support	\$3,180,887 in recurring funding to expand EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program)	Task Force is educating stakeholders on the impact of the EFNEP program
Endorse	\$3 million funding request to expand tobacco cessation and prevention services	\$250,000 (recurring) appropriated in addition to \$500,000 in recurring funds appropriated over the biennium in the 2017 budget for tobacco cessation services
Endorse	\$7 million funding request for youth tobacco use prevention	\$250,000 (non-recurring) appropriated in addition to \$1 million in nonrecurring funds appropriated over the biennium in the 2017 budget for tobacco use prevention
Endorse	\$1 million recurring funding request to expand the Healthy Food Small Retailer Program	\$250,000 (nonrecurring) appropriated for 2018 which is the same amount that was appropriated in 2017 for Healthy Food Small Retailer Program
Track and Monitor	Track and monitor Care4Carolina’s efforts to close the health insurance gap	Task Force is monitoring efforts to close the health insurance gap

*The regular legislative session adjourned June 30, 2017. The legislature adopted the state budget during the short session on June 1, 2018.