



2019 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 September 14, 2020*
Support	Assure coverage of all cardiovascular-related USPSTF A and B preventive services for all Medicaid enrollees	All cardiovascular-related preventive services included in Medicaid Transformation which is slated for July 2021
Support	\$3,180,887 in recurring funding to expand EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program)	HB 719 with \$750,000 R appropriation referred to Committee on Appropriations, Education
Endorse	\$3 million in recurring funding to expand tobacco cessation services including funding for Quitline NC	Funding remains at current level
Endorse	\$7 million in recurring funding for tobacco use prevention	\$500,000 N FY19-20; \$1,000,000 N FY 20-21 in final budget; however, Senate did not overturn the budget veto
Endorse	\$1 million recurring funding request to expand the Healthy Food Small Retailer Program	No funding included; no changes made to program language
Endorse	Care4Carolina's efforts to close the health insurance gap by signing the C4C resolution	Medicaid Expansion not in budget; HB 655 has not been brought up for a vote in the House

*The legislative session adjourned September 3, 2020 and will reconvene January 13, 2021.

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