

## **This month, NHMA sent letters to several government organizations regarding public comments:**

- Comment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding the Trump administration's proposed rule on Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Nondiscrimination in Health and Health Education Programs or Activities." Section 1557 protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability in health programs that are critical to our community. OCR's proposed rule would almost entirely replace the 2016 Section 1557 by narrowing the definition of sex discrimination, allowing insurers to discriminate against certain medical conditions and people with disabilities, and limiting access to care for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). [Read NHMA's comment here.](#)
- NHMA also sent a comment to Healthy People 2030's definition of "health literacy." NHMA supports the Secretary's Advisory Committee's definition of "health literacy" but implored them to change "stakeholders" to "society" to make it clearer on who provides information about health. [Read NHMA's comment here.](#)
- NHMA submitted a statement to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform for the hearing they held on July 26, *The Patient Perspective: The Devastating Impact of Skyrocketing Drug Prices on American Families*. NHMA stated: "the issue of drug pricing is multi-faceted, and any solutions must address systemic issues across the health care supply chain – pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, and government subsidies." [Read the full comment here.](#)
- NHMA, along with LULAC, submitted a comment to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) strongly supporting its proposed Contact Lens Rule. [Read the full comment here.](#)