



Legislative Update

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Proposed House Budget Released; Final Approval Expected by End of Week

The latest copy of the proposed House budget was released yesterday and can be viewed at: <http://ncleg.net/sessions/2007/budget/budgetreport5-9.pdf>. This document reflects the consolidated proposed budgets from each House Appropriations Subcommittee.

Several of the Alliance's priority issues are included in the House budget:

- Funding for Healthy Carolinians is included at \$1 million in recurring funding for FY 07-08 and FY 08-09;
- Funding for the Child Nutrition Program is included at \$7.5 million in nonrecurring funding for FY 07-08; Funds for the Statewide Health Promotion program and funds for Eat Smart Move More were *not* included in this budget.

The budget proposal is expected to go to the House Finance Committee for consideration on Tuesday, May 8. It is expected that the budget proposal will then go to the full House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday; to the House floor for debate and vote on Thursday; and then to the House floor for the third (and final) reading on Friday. We are hearing that significant changes to the House budget are unlikely, though the budget can be amended at any point in this process (in committee or during floor debate).

The Alliance will continue to encourage House legislators to include all of our priority funding initiatives. We will keep you posted on any developments with the budget this week.

For additional information about secondhand smoke issues or NC's cigarette tax, access the Alliance website at www.ncallianceforhealth.org for talking points and other resources.

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