

SPECIFIC AUDIENCES · HEALTHCARE WORKERS

The Healthcare Worker Policy Worksheet

Connect what you see at work to the decisions being made in Jackson

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Nurses, social workers, and community health workers see policy failure every single day. You have credibility that lobbyists don't. Your testimony changes votes. This worksheet helps you use it.

My role and setting (nurse, social worker, community health worker, etc.)

WHAT YOU SEE

Describe a patient situation or pattern that you believe is caused or worsened by policy

What policy specifically contributed to this situation?

THE POLICY LANDSCAPE

Does Mississippi's Medicaid policy affect this? How?

Is there pending legislation that would help or hurt this situation?

YOUR ADVOCACY

A healthcare worker who testifies "I have seen this policy harm people in my clinic" is one of the most powerful voices in a committee room. Legislators can argue with data. They struggle to argue with someone who has looked a patient in the eye.

The one change I would ask the legislature to make if I had 2 minutes

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- I am willing to testify at a committee hearing on this issue
 - I am willing to meet with my legislator to share my perspective
 - I am willing to sign an organizational letter of support or opposition
 - I want to connect with other healthcare workers advocating on this issue

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