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lead to increased tobacco initiation. The Academy has long advocated for banning these products and will continue to support tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Senate Confirms Xavier Becerra as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

On March 18, Xavier Becerra was confirmed as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on a [largely party-line vote](#). Becerra served 12 terms in Congress before his election as Attorney General of California. After his swearing in, Secretary Becerra is expected to play a key role in leading the department's pandemic response, as well as working to advance its broader healthcare policy agenda including insurance coverage expansion and prescription drug pricing reform.

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