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The selected healthcare policy priority for this paper is on the role that is played by nurses in tobacco control. A policy that is supported by nurses will have the trust of the populace, opinion leaders, and the media with their voices being heard all through a vast array of economic, social, as well as political arenas. The policy could look at educating individuals on the effects of tobacco use as well as exposure to second-hand smoke while similarly aiding tobacco users seize their obsession. At the communal level, health professionals through a policy could initiate or support some of the proposals through being involved for instance in struggles to encourage smoke-free workplaces as well as extending the presence of tobacco cessation resources. The reason for selecting the policy was due to the fact that the nurses will act as a role model and also promote the weight to the national and global tobacco control exertions including tax increase campaigns. Additionally, the health professional firms could display leadership as well as become role model for additional professional companies and communities through implementing the tenants of the Health Professional Code of Practice on Tobacco Control.

According to Bardach and Patashnik, (2015) there are various types of model formulation which include: institutional model, system model, rational model, among others. All these models of policy formulation could work closely with the tobacco control healthcare policy but the rational model is selected for this paper. In their study, Roberts, Russell, Paltiel, Chambers, McEwan and Krahn (2012) stated that in the rational model only when problems are put in practice is when they arise. This is because it deals with social and environmental values which are difficult to identify. Rational model policy is the most appropriate policy to use when looking into the tobacco control healthcare policy because it uses facts which are in current situations hence it is able to focus on immediate health problems that include smoking. Birkland (2014) implied that the rational model is simpler and easy to deal as regards the formulation of healthcare policies such as tobacco control.

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