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Background
Climate change impacts are increasingly being recognized as a significant threat to global health. It is estimated that by 2080, climate change could lead to the loss of 200,000 lives annually in the United States (US) and 10 million lives globally, with the greatest burden falling on vulnerable populations. The impacts of climate change on health are complex and multifaceted, with both direct and indirect effects on public health.

Strategies to mitigate climate change and its health impacts must be integrated into existing health policies and practices. This requires a comprehensive approach that includes public health planning, education, and advocacy. The policy recommends the following strategies:

1. Implement public health plans and policies that address climate change impacts on health. This includes the development of climate change adaptation and mitigation plans for public health agencies and communities.
2. Enhance health and environmental education and promote healthy behaviors that support climate change mitigation and adaptation.
3. Support research on climate change and health impacts, including the development of new tools and methodologies to assess and monitor health impacts.
4. Collaborate with other sectors and stakeholders to advance climate change and health policies and practices.

Conclusion
Climate change is a global health crisis that requires urgent action. By integrating climate change considerations into public health planning and policies, we can protect the health of vulnerable populations and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

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