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Wisconsin Community Health Center Advocates Champion Legislative Priorities at State Policy & Issues Forum

Madison, WI – Advocates from Wisconsin’s 19 Community Health Centers are meeting with state lawmakers today to discuss the transformational work happening at their primary care clinics and to highlight policy priorities for the legislative session. The Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association (WPHCA) is hosting Community Health Center champions from across the state, each with a unique story and perspective on local health care access issues. The event kicks off with remarks from Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez, followed by visits in the State Capitol.

Community Health Center staff and Board members are championing:

- [Dental Therapy](#) – Increase access to preventative oral health care by authorizing licensure of Dental Therapy in Wisconsin. Dental Therapists are already authorized to practice in 13 other states.
- [Community Health Center Workforce](#) – Increase investment in Wisconsin’s state loan assistance program by adding Medical Assistants, Dental Assistants, and Behavioral Health providers as an incentive to practice in under-resourced areas. Also, provide funding to increase exposure to health professions for high school students.
- [Extension of Medicaid Coverage to One Year Post-Partum](#) – Authorize extension of Medicaid coverage for pregnant women from 60 days to 1-year post-partum to improve maternal mortality rates for women across the state.

WPHCA and Wisconsin Community Health Centers are excited to share success stories with state policymakers, educate lawmakers on the value of Community Health Centers, and identify avenues to advance initiatives in support of WPHCA’s [2023-2024 state policy agenda](#).

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WPHCA is the member association for Wisconsin’s 19 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs, or Community Health Centers), including 2 new Look-Alike clinics. Community Health Centers are non-profit, community-directed medical, dental, and behavioral health clinics. Please visit [**wphca.org**](http://wphca.org) to learn more about Community Health Centers and Look-Alikes.