



State Policy Priorities for Wisconsin Community Health Centers 2023 – 2024 Legislative Session Recap

Legislative Priority	WPHCA Position & End-of-Session Status
<p>Dental Therapy SB-689 / AB-668 (Felzkowski / Plumer) Authorizing licensure of Dental Therapists, a mid-level dental team provider.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Enacted – Act 87</i></p>
<p>Technical College Oral Health Funding SB-702 / AB-667 (Felzkowski / Melotik) Expenditure of \$20 million for Technical College Systems to add and expand oral health training including Dental Therapy and Hygiene programs.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Enacted – Act 89</i></p>
<p>Post-Partum Extension for Pregnant Women SB-110 / AB 114 (Ballweg / Rozar) Extends Medicaid coverage for pregnant women from 60 days to one year, impacting approx. 5,300 individuals in WI who currently lose coverage.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Passed Senate 32 – 1; No hearing held in Assembly</i></p>
<p>Community Health Center State Grant <i>Budget Amendment Proposal</i> Two “Look Alike” Community Health Centers are ineligible for either free and charitable clinic or FQHC funding through DHS. This amendment created a new category to add funding for the Look Alikes, which meet all program requirements but do not receive federal funding. See §250.15.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Drafted but not included in the JFC budget motion</i></p>
<p>Increased Investment in Health Professions Loan Assistance Program <i>Budget Amendment Proposal</i> The program provides up to \$75,000 in educational loan assistance for eligible health care professionals as an incentive to serve in a rural or under-resourced area. WPHCA proposed adding program funding and expanding to include behavioral health providers. See §36.61.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Drafted but not included in the JFC budget motion</i></p>
<p>Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulations & Co-pay Accumulator Ban AB-773 / SB-737 (Felzkowski / Schraa) Provide explicit protections to ban discriminatory contracting for 340B covered entities and prohibit predatory auditing practices.</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>Hearings held in both Senate and Assembly</i></p>
<p>Medicaid Disenrollment AB-148 / SB-245 (Penterman / Stafsholt) Disenrollment of ineligible individuals from and redeterminations of eligibility for the BadgerCare Plus program.</p>	<p>Opposed ✗ <i>Passed Assembly; No Senate hearing held</i></p>
<p>Various Interstate Licensure Compacts AB-410 / SB-400 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact (Stafsholt / VanderMeer) SB-196 / AB-207 Counselor Compact (Leg. Council Study Committee) AB-382 / SB-391 Social Worker Compact (Stafsholt / Tittl) SB-692 / AB-666 Dentist Compact (Wimberger / VanderMeer)</p>	<p>Support ✓ <i>All enacted (Act 81; Act 55; Act 88) except for Social Worker Compact (Passed Senate; Assembly hearing held)</i></p>