



2025 - 2026 Legislative Session Recap

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association Session Engagement on Community Health Center (CHC) Priorities

Legislative Priority	WPHCA Position & End-of-Session Status
<p>Extending eligibility of Medicaid coverage for postpartum women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a full year of coverage instead of the current 60 days, improving continuity of care and health outcomes for both mom and baby. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Enacted! WI Act 102</p>
<p>Ratification of the Social Work Licensure Compact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds new license portability options to facilitate timely practice for health care professionals. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Enacted! WI Act 232</p>
<p>Medicaid coverage for incarcerated individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once implemented, this change will allow CHCs and other providers to work more proactively with justice-involved populations and improve continuity of care for recovery treatment. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Enacted! WI Act 233</p>
<p>Eligibility to receive occupational credentials for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows DACA recipients, also known as Dreamers, to access state credentials which will help ease workforce strains for professions like nurses. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Enacted! WI Act 240</p>
<p>Funding increase for the Community Health Center State Grant and new funding for Look-Alike FQHCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Health Center State Grant is a flexible fund of \$7.4 million in the DHS base budget which is distributed to CHCs according to a formula set by statute that mirrors patient volume and services. The State Grant allows CHCs to invest in expanding access to dental, behavioral health, recovery, and other key services based on unique community needs. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Enacted! WI Act 15</p>
<p>Prior Authorization Requirements and Patient Protections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set minimum standards for the coverage of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and chiropractic services (Assembly Bill 368 / Senate Bill 373). Establish standards for transparency, timeliness, notification, and processes for utilization management services (Assembly Bill 432 / Senate Bill 434). 	<p>Support</p> <p>Stalled after hearings</p>
<p>Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulations and Prohibition on Co-pay Accumulators (Assembly Bill 173 / Senate Bill 203)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add new requirements for PBMs (pharmacy middlemen) including protections against price discrimination for health care organizations that participate in the 340B program (like CHCs). 	<p>Support</p> <p>Stalled after hearings</p>
<p>Allowing a minor to consent to certain health care services (Assembly Bill 49 / Senate Bill 70)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address barriers to health care access for youth when a caregiver or adult is unable or unavailable to provide consent for medically-necessary services. 	<p>Support</p> <p>Stalled after hearings</p>

WPHCA engages in key state policy areas including **Care, Coverage, Workforce**, and **Community Health** and looks forward to advancing shared goals with policymakers and partners. Together, these initiatives reflect WPHCA's dedication to bipartisan policymaking and improving access to timely, high-quality, and cost-effective primary care in Wisconsin.