







WPHCA'S 2027-2028 STATE POLICY AGENDA









HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE

1. Obtain funding to explore creation of a Chronic Disease Care Management Pilot, Health Home, or similar program, in partnership with Medicaid, to improve health outcomes for Community Health Center (CHC) patients through timely access to coordinated services for individuals with multiple health conditions who need complex, high-touch system navigation.  
2. Reduce barriers to billing and reimbursement for integrated care delivery in the primary care setting, where services including medical, dental, behavioral health, and supportive services may be co-located or provided during a single patient visit. 
3. Stabilize the 340B Drug Pricing Program which improves access to affordable medications and services for CHC patients. 




HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

1. Mitigate coverage losses from new Medicaid Community Engagement (work) requirements effective in 2027, as CHCs must provide primary care regardless of insurance status to all patients. 
2. Strengthen a robust network of outreach and enrollment assistance throughout Wisconsin, including eligibility staff at CHCs, to support patients accessing both public and private health insurance coverage, as funding for federal navigator services was reduced by 90% in 2025. 

WORKFORCE

1. Add ongoing operational funding for oral health programs at the Wisconsin Technical College System following an initial one-time investment of \$20 million in 2024. 
2. Increase recruitment and retention of behavioral health providers and substance use disorder professionals in rural and under-resourced areas through expansion of the State Loan Assistance Program.   
3. Improve license portability for clinical professionals already licensed to practice in other states via sufficient staffing at DSPS, adoption of interstate compacts, and new pathways for foreign-trained providers.   
4. Provide state funding for regional Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) to expand pathways to primary care professions for students in rural and under-resourced areas. 

COMMUNITY HEALTH

1. Support strategies to address social determinants of health impacting CHC patients, specifically the availability of affordable, stable, and safe housing, nutrition, and childcare in Wisconsin.   

WPHCA continues to support the following areas essential to the health care system:

- Operationalize a full year of post-partum Medicaid coverage, pending federal approval.
- Maintain state funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Community Health Center Look-Alikes through the CHC State Grant which provides flexible state funding to meet local community health care needs.
- Maintain fully reimbursable telehealth and virtual health services, including visits provided via phone-only, for all patients regardless of insurance status.
- Maintain comprehensive coverage for Medicaid enrollees, including coverage and adequate reimbursement for care coordination, dental, and behavioral health services.
- Operationalize implementation of Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs) and Dental Therapists.

WPHCA'S VISION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

We envision a future where all individuals and communities in Wisconsin achieve their highest health potential, with a focus on reducing health disparities and improving equitable outcomes for communities served by Community Health Centers (CHCs).

HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE

1. All Wisconsinites have an identified primary care provider and medical home for high-quality, affordable, preventative care.
2. Patients access primary and preventative care services, including behavioral and dental care, at comparable rates regardless of insurance status or payer type.
3. Patients access services and supports sufficient to address inequities and ensure equitable outcomes.
4. Health literacy resources, including digital literacy tools, are available to support patients in using primary and preventative care, including telehealth.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

1. All Wisconsinites have high-quality, affordable, reliable health care coverage.
2. Comprehensive health care coverage fosters preventative and primary care, including medical, dental, and behavioral health for both children and adults.
3. CHCs support patients in securing public and private health care coverage through direct outreach and enrollment services and connections with community partners.

WORKFORCE

1. CHCs have enough high-quality providers to meet the needs of their medical, dental, and behavioral health patients in a timely manner.
2. CHCs hire and retain a mission-oriented workforce that is representative of the communities they serve, committed to culturally sensitive patient-centered care, and dedicated to identifying and reducing health disparities.
3. CHCs implement integrated, team-based care using models addressing whole-person health.
4. CHCs have capacity to engage the workforce through implementing clinical rotations, internships, and other training opportunities to strengthen and expand health care professional pipelines.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

1. CHCs identify patients' unmet social needs and collaborate with community partners to improve whole-person health.
2. Patients have affordable, stable, and safe housing as a fundamental precursor to health and well-being.
3. Public health investments adequately identify and coordinate responses to local community needs.