

# WI Cancer Council Policy Agenda 2018-2020



**At a Glance >>** The WI Cancer Council's policy agenda includes goals and objectives in support of the Council's Action Plans and the WI Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The Council's Policy Committee develops the agenda and provides education and recommendations to Council membership to advance the agenda's goals.

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## **GOAL: Create environments that discourage excessive alcohol use.**

- Educate individuals, communities, and state and local decision makers on the importance of and their role in improving the alcohol environment – the policies and practices that determine how alcohol is sold or served – as a strategy to reduce cancer risk.
- Promote policies and practices that reduce excessive alcohol use by impacting alcohol affordability, availability, acceptability, and attractiveness.
- Protect and strengthen policies and programs that reduce underage drinking.
- Increase access to and awareness of screening and treatment options for excessive alcohol use.

## **GOAL: Maximize access to the HPV vaccine by removing patient and provider barriers.**

- Educate and identify champions to promote the HPV vaccine as cancer prevention, and potential policy solutions to maximize access to the vaccine.
- Support increased opportunities for HPV vaccine promotion and delivery. Examples include school and community health education, expanding provider types eligible to give the vaccine, etc.
- Support effective implementation of existing policies and programs that provide HPV vaccination at low or no-cost. Examples include the Affordable Care Act, Vaccines for Children program, etc.
- Advance systems changes that increase efficiencies and minimize missed opportunities for vaccine completion. For example, improving electronic health record usability.

## **GOAL: Increase the quality, availability, and effective use of health insurance coverage for cancer prevention, screening, and treatment.**

- Support full coverage of recommended cancer screenings, including diagnostic screenings, at low or no out-of-pocket cost to clients.
- Protect and expand policies and programs that provide affordable cancer prevention, screening, and treatment services. Examples include the Affordable Care Act, WI Well Woman Program, etc.
- Educate consumers about available public and private insurance options and how to effectively use insurance coverage to access cancer prevention, screening, and treatment services.
- Support opportunities to increase provider participation and inclusion of non-traditional providers – community health workers, patient navigators, etc. – in coverage options.

## **GOAL: Support partner policy efforts to limit youth access to e-cigarettes and other tobacco products.**

- Increase member awareness of and involvement in partner efforts.
- Monitor emerging policy issues impacting youth access to these products.

## **GOAL: Support initiatives that advance quality cancer care.**

- Increase awareness of evidence-based best practices and research projects that are working to advance quality cancer care. For example, the *All of Us* Research Program.
- Promote partner initiatives that seek to advance quality cancer care in the state. Examples include the Precision Medicine Molecular Tumor Board, a proposed statewide palliative care council, etc.

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