

# Welcome!

## 2019 Monthly WI Cancer Council Webinar Series

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leaving your desk.



# This Month's Topic:

Cancer Policy in the  
State Budget and Legislation.



# Agenda

- ▶ Overview of Cancer Policy & the WI Cancer Council Policy Committee
- ▶ Cancer-related provisions in the FY 2019-2021 Budget
- ▶ State legislative updates
- ▶ Questions

# Poll Questions

- ▶ Is your organization directly impacted by this state budget?
  - ▶ Yes
  - ▶ No
- ▶ If you follow the budget and legislative process, which resources do you use?
  - ▶ Newspapers / Radio
  - ▶ Alerts from advocacy organizations
  - ▶ WI Cancer Council's updates
  - ▶ Other
  - ▶ I haven't followed the budget or legislative process.



# Understanding Cancer Policy

- ▶ Policy is... interventions or actions that amend laws, ordinances, mandates, rules, or regulations.
- ▶ Examples: taxes on tobacco products and vaping, tanning bed restrictions.
- ▶ The WI Cancer Council is an educational resource on cancer policy and cannot lobby government officials.
- ▶ Twelve Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Issue Briefs with policy implications: <https://wicancer.org/resources/>
- ▶ Question: What is your organization doing related to policy work on the local, statewide, and federal levels?

# WI Cancer Council Policy Committee

- ▶ Committee of more than 20 health care providers, policy experts, and government relations specialists.
- ▶ Meets quarterly to discuss legislation, and initiatives by advocates.
- ▶ In February, members and WI Cancer Control Program delivered overview materials on the work of the WI Cancer Council to each state legislator's office.

<https://wicancer.org/wicancercouncil/memberresources/>



# Policy Agenda 2018-2020

The Policy Committee is guided by a five-point policy agenda that supports the Council's Action Plans and the WI Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

<https://wicancer.org/wicancercouncil/policy/>

1. Create environments that discourage excessive alcohol use.
2. Maximize access to the HPV vaccine by removing patient and provider barriers.
3. Increase the quality, availability, and effective use of health insurance coverage for cancer prevention, screening and treatment.
4. Support partner policy efforts to limit youth access to e-cigarettes and other tobacco products.
5. Support initiatives that advance quality cancer care.

# Gov. Evers' FY 2019-2021 Proposed Budget

- ▶ Medicaid Expansion: proposed coverage to people with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.
- ▶ Additional \$6.6 million for tobacco control programs.
- ▶ 71% tax on vaping fluid and devices.
- ▶ Medical marijuana for patients with debilitating conditions.
- ▶ Additional \$200,000 for the Well Woman Program.

# Joint Finance Committee Actions

- ▶ Committee held six listening sessions around the state in April.
- ▶ Began work in May to create the Legislature's version.
- ▶ Removed Medicaid expansion and medical marijuana.
- ▶ Changed vaping tax to “5 cents.”



# Governor Evers Line-Item Vetoes

- ▶ Final FY 2019-2021 Budget is \$81.69 billion.
- ▶ Largest shares of funding: Health Services, Public Instruction, UW System, Dept. of Administration, Children & Families, and Corrections.
- ▶ Increased funding for education by \$65 million over the biennium.
- ▶ \$500 million in income tax cuts.
- ▶ Five cent tax per milliliter on vaping fluids.
- ▶ Maintained Medicaid work requirements and cost sharing.
- ▶ Additional \$200,000 for the Wisconsin Well Woman Program.
- ▶ \$10 million to Medical College of Wisconsin for cancer research center.

# Legislative Proposals

- ▶ Establishing a Palliative Care Council within Wisconsin Dept. Health Services (AB 242 / SB 225)
- ▶ Medicaid Expansion (SB 361)
- ▶ Legalization of Medical Marijuana
- ▶ Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month September 2019 & 2020
- ▶ Tobacco 21 (SB 364)
- ▶ Clean Indoor Air Act

# Questions



- ▶ Questions about the FY 2019-2021 Budget?
- ▶ Which policy issues are important to you and your organization?
- ▶ What types of resources would be helpful to you specific to cancer and policy?
- ▶ Fact sheets, 2019 Cancer County Profiles, Infographics: [wicancer.org](http://wicancer.org) under the “Resources” tab.

# Thank you!

The recording, slides, and links to resources will be distributed after the call.

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ October 16-17 – 2019 WI Cancer Summit.  
Topic: Survivorship  
Register at: <https://wicancer.org/2019summit/>
- ▶ November 14: “Tobacco Treatment for Cancer Patients Who Smoke”
  - Presented by Allison Gorrilla, Outreach Specialist at the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI)



*Have a topic that you'd like to learn more about or something you feel passionate about that you'd like to share with others? Let us know!*