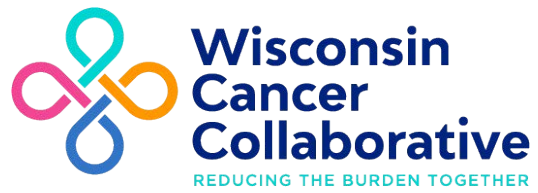


Policy Agenda 2021-2022



Helping members advance the Wisconsin Cancer Plan 2020-2030

Goal 1 – Increase availability of and access to comprehensive health insurance coverage.

- Increase access to Medicaid for uninsured adults.
- Eliminate insurance loopholes that limit ability to receive medically necessary prevention, genetic counseling, screening, treatment, and survivorship services.
- Ensure protections for pre-existing conditions and lifetime limits are maintained.

Goal 2 – Decrease tobacco use and exposure to tobacco.

- Raise the cigarette tax and support policies that tax all tobacco products at the same rate.
- Strengthen policies to restrict youth access and use of cigarettes, other commercial tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.
- Maintain and expand clean air laws and policies to include e-cigarettes.

Goal 3 – Increase access to cancer prevention vaccination services.

- Require all insurance carriers to cover the complete cancer prevention vaccine series for all eligible patients at no cost.
- Maintain funding for Vaccines for Children program to provide no-cost vaccinations to Medicaid eligible, uninsured, and American Indian / Alaskan Native children.
- Include vaccination programs in the WIC program.

Goal 4 – Reduce barriers to cancer screening and increase insurance coverage for diagnostic testing.

- Keep decision-makers informed on the current recommendations for cancer screenings.
- Provide full insurance coverage for diagnostic testing, including after a positive or inconclusive screening result.
- Establish a registry that tracks cancer screening completion.

Goal 5 – Reduce cancer costs incurred by patients and families.

- Educate policymakers on the impact of financial stress of cancer care outcomes.
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs supporting cancer treatment and associated expenses.

Goal 6 – Ensure access to quality palliative care.

- Establish a palliative care advisory council in Wisconsin.
- Increase insurance coverage of palliative care conversations and services.

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