Policy Agenda 2023-2024



Helping members advance the Wisconsin Cancer Plan 2020-2030

Goal 1 - Reduce Tobacco Use

- Increase funding for the Wisconsin Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.
- Strengthen policies to restrict youth access and use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other commercial tobacco products, including raising the state smoking age to be consistent with the federal smoking age of 21 years.
- Maintain and expand clean air laws and policies to include e-cigarettes.

Goal 2 - Address Alcohol Abuse

- Reduce additional access to alcohol, especially through home delivery.
- Reduce density of alcohol outlets in communities.
- Ensure outlets are not selling alcohol to youth by initiating alcohol compliance checks.
- Require Health Systems and medical professionals to support resources to perform Screen and Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment screens.

Goal 3 - Care for Survivors

- Ensure access to quality and affordable mental health services.
- Establish state advisory councils to address the unique needs of cancer survivors.
- Provide insurance coverage for survivorship services from clinic and support staff.

Goal 4 - Cancer and the Workplace

- Implement paid family and medical leave for survivors and caregivers for serious health conditions such as cancer and its treatment.
- Encourage employers to offer paid leave to employees for cancer screenings.

Goal 5 - Access to Cancer Care

- Provide coverage and reimbursement of services provided via telehealth regardless of insurance type, including audio-only services.
- Educate decisionmakers on the need for universal access to broadband to receive telehealth services.
- Expand payor coverage of genetic counseling services.

Goal 6 - Cancer Prevention Vaccines

- Provide funding for local health departments to administer cancer prevention vaccines at school-based clinics.
- Fully fund the federal Vaccines for Children Program, and Section 317 Programs and Grants.
- Educate dentists on performing oral cancer screenings, and encouraging vaccination against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) with patients.