

2025-2026 Wisconsin Legislative Session Priorities

1. **Continued Access to Reproductive Health & Birth Control Options** – WAFP supports continued access to various birth control options, including IUDs and hormonal contraceptives.
2. **Employer Non-Compete Agreements** –WAFP supports efforts to prohibit both for-profit employers and non-profit employers from requiring employees to sign non-compete agreements in Wisconsin.
3. **Unlicensed Concealed Carry** - Under current state law, an individual is allowed to carry a concealed weapon if they have a license. During a recent legislative session, a bill was introduced to allow residents to carry concealed weapons without needing to obtain a license. WAFP opposes any efforts to allow individuals to carry concealed weapons without a license.
4. **Maintain Physician-led Healthcare Team** - In recent legislative sessions, there have been attempts to expand scopes of practice for mid-level clinicians (e.g., physician assistants, nurse practitioners, etc.) in order to provide more independence for those clinicians. The WAFP continues to oppose attempts to expand the scope of practice of mid-level clinicians at the expense of eroding physician supervision and collaboration requirements as well as patient safety.
5. **Student Vaccinations and Personal Conviction Exemption** – The increase in use of the “personal conviction exemption” with respect to vaccinations among K-12 students has led to an overall drop in the percentage of students who meet the minimum immunization requirements. WAFP continues to advocate for increased vaccination rates among Wisconsin’s students by removing this statutory exemption, which allows parents to opt children out of receiving vaccinations for any reason, but still maintain “medical exemptions” and “religious exemptions” in state law.
6. **Marijuana Decriminalization** – A number of states have decriminalized marijuana. In these states, this generally means that if an individual possesses a small amount of marijuana, this is no longer a state crime, but a civil or local government infraction. WAFP supports efforts to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana for personal consumption. In addition, WAFP supports efforts on the federal level to declassify marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance so that proper clinical research may occur.
7. **Medicaid Expansion** – WAFP supports the State of Wisconsin accepting Medicaid Expansion dollars to stimulate the overall Medicaid budget to allow for a greater expansion of services.
8. **Family Medicine Training** – Seek an increase in state funds for the family residency program in the 2025-2027 budget to ensure that physicians most likely to practice in underserved rural and urban settings are given the opportunity to complete residency training in Wisconsin.
9. **Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program (WRPRAP)** — Seek additional funding in the 2025-27 state budget for the WRPRAP program to ensure the expansion of residency opportunities at rural hospitals.

- 10. Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM)** — Support additional funding for the WARM program in the 2025-27 state budget to address rural physician shortages by training medical students committed to working in rural communities.
- 11. Comprehensive Statewide Psychiatry Consultation Program** – Expand the Child Psychiatry Consultation Program, which provides primary care clinicians with free-of-charge pediatric mental health consultations for their child and adolescent patients, to a comprehensive statewide program that assists individuals of all ages in the 2025-2027 budget.