

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### WPA Legislative Committee

A major strategic goal of the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association is to advocate on behalf of our patients and our profession.

Hundreds of laws are introduced each legislative session, and regulatory agencies ensure the resulting rules are followed in practice. The Legislative Committee ensures that our voices heard and our positions known in a number of ways:

- Coordinated lobbying activities through WPA's contract lobbying firm
- Grassroots lobbying by contacting your local legislators
- Testifying before the State Assembly
- Respond to Legislative Action Alerts & Calls-to-Action from the WPA office.

### Legislative Committee Sub-Groups

There are times when more focused work on an issues is required. The Leg Committee often establishes sub-groups to work on these issues. Current working sub-groups include:

- Collaborative Care Model
- Prior Authorization
- Chapter 51 & Emergency Detention

### Emergency Psych Task Force

The Emergency Psych Task Force is an ongoing and unique collaboration between the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians whose aim is to address issues pertaining to quality of care, patient safety, and to be a primary source of subject matter expertise to elected officials, those with policy oversight, and other stakeholders.

### PAC Contributions & Board Participation

Through the PAC, a unified voice of Wisconsin psychiatrists will work to support public officials who understand mental health issues and appreciate the important role of psychiatry in today's health care market.

### Advocacy at the Capitol

WPA members participate in WI Doctor Day and held its first Advocacy Day at the Capitol in January 2023.

Wisconsin Psychiatric Association

# LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT

2023 - 2024

## POLICY PRIORITIES WE SUPPORT

### Mental Health Initiatives Including;

- Access to Care
- Increased funding for psychiatry residency programs
- Child Psychiatry Consultation Program expansion
- Community Support Programs
- Funding for 988 Crisis & Suicide Hotline
- and more!

### Collaborative Care Model

- Implementation, Funding & Resources

### Income Tax Deductions for New Psychiatrists

### Provider Shortages

### Chapter 51 & Emergency Detention

### Firearms Safety & Gun Violence

### Patient Safety

### Physician Title Protection

### Scope of Practice





The Wisconsin Psychiatric Association (WPA) was founded in 1957 as a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The organization is incorporated under the State of Wisconsin as a not-for-profit, professional medical specialty society. WPA represents more than 400 psychiatric physician members who are committed to continuously improving quality treatment for persons with mental illnesses..

Mission: WPA is the professional association of psychiatrists in Wisconsin advancing mental healthcare through leadership in education, service and advocacy.

Vision: Accessible, high quality mental healthcare for the people of Wisconsin.

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