Washington State Hospital Association







WSHA 2027 Legislative Priorities

Health Workforce Council

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WSHA's Mission:

The Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) advocates for and provides value to members in achieving their missions.

WSHA's Vision:

WSHA will be the trusted voice and indispensable resource that leads, challenges and assists hospitals and health systems to improve the health of the communities they serve.

Member Driven Priorities

WSHA's 2027 legislative agenda has not yet received final Board approval.

This presentation highlights considerations for 2027 related to the health care workforce.

A sustainable healthcare workforce depends on sustainable health care organizations. Ensuring the long-term viability of health care providers is the single most important action the state can take to support the workforce.

Legislative Priorities

Prevent further reimbursement cuts and new taxes that target hospitals and health systems.

Mitigate the impacts of cuts enacted by state and federal governments in 2025.

Financial Impact of 2025 Legislation

- Hospitals Washington are experiencing the effect of significant state tax increases and funding cuts compounded by cuts from H.R.1.

- State cuts and taxes that take effect in 2027 and 2028:
  - $175 million per year in payment cuts to public and school employee benefit reimbursements
  - $40 million per year in cuts to Medicaid for the most complex patients
  - B&O tax increase of $60 million per year

- Federal H.R.1 Medicaid cuts amount to **hundreds of millions** of dollars per year starting in 2027.

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Sustainable health care services are essential to ensuring patients have continued access to care.

In support of patients access to care and health care viability, WSHA supports:

- Continued funding of state funded subsidies on the Health Benefits Exchange
- Rural labor and delivery unit sustainability grants
- Improved regulation of insurance carriers by:
  - Regulating emergency department downcoding and denials
  - Clarifying health care provider credentialing and enrollment with health insurers
  - Prohibiting unnegotiated changes to payer contracts.


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Thank you!