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WHA in Washington, DC

WHA met with members of Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC on Dec. 9 and 10 to discuss WHA federal advocacy priorities including:



WHA and hospital leaders with Rep. Derrick Van Orden

- The subsidy cliff if ACA enhanced premium tax credits expire at the end of the year
- Health care extenders such as telehealth, Hospital at Home, and Medicare-Dependent and Low-Volume hospital funding before the next Continuing Resolution runs out at the end of January, and
- The importance of federal approval for Wisconsin Medicaid changes enacted in the most recent state budget.



WHA and hospital leaders with Sen. Tammy Baldwin

Joining WHA Vice President of Federal Affairs and Advocacy Jon Hoelter were Jeremy Levin, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative Director of Advocacy; Carina Marquez-Oberhoffner, Emplify Health System Senior Consultant; Andrea Hauser, DNP, RN, CNL, Emplify Health by Gundersen CNO & VP; Bryan Erdmann, MHA, Emplify Health by Gundersen Region COO; Brad Wolters, Marshfield Clinic Health System Director Federal Government Relations; Meagan Thompson, Aurora Health Care Director, Federal Affairs; Alec Knutson, Ascension WI Chief Advocacy Officer; Lindsay Punzenberger, Children's WI Director Federal Government Relations; Jessica Stauber, Aspirus WI Director System Government Relations; Camille Rodriguez, HSHS System Director – Advocacy; and Molly Haase, AdventHealth Executive Director Government Advocacy.



WHA and hospital leaders with Rep. Scott Fitzgerald

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EDUCATION EVENTS

Jan. 14, 2026

Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers Well-Being First Champion Challenge for Credentialing Kickoff

Jan. 28, 2026

2026 WHA Health Care Leadership Academy

Feb. 25, 2026

2026 Advocacy Day