

Nonpartisan Statement

The Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access is committed to the development and adoption of sound health policy through drafting briefing papers based on nonpartisan analysis with regard to key health policy issues and providing the public and elected officials with information about the effects of current regulations and policies on the local health care delivery system. This information is designed to provide a full and fair analysis of relevant issues to enable law makers and members of the public to make well-thought out independent decisions. The Alliance is committed to bipartisan engagement and solutions and has adopted the following policy statement:

Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access
Health Education Policy
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The Whatcom Alliance for Health Care Access is a non-partisan group committed to bipartisan progress on legislative issues that achieve improved health care access for all residents of Whatcom County.

WAHA is a group of active community leaders who have differing views and opinions on a variety of issues. WAHA welcomes diverse opinions and seeks to be inclusive and non-partisan in addressing health care policy issues. **For that reason, WAHA can not and will not take a position either in favor of or against any candidate, party, or ballot initiative.** While many WAHA members participate in partisan activities individually and with other groups, WAHA does not participate in partisan activities and is committed to working with all elected officials in making progress on healthcare access issues.

WAHA's goal is to both educate and advise elected officials on health policy concerns and serve as a community based resource on the effects of specific legislative proposals through briefings, development of comprehensive policy papers, provision of informational materials, responsiveness to questions that arise in the legislative process and where appropriate public testimony. In addition WAHA seeks to improve public understanding and awareness of critical health policy issues through op-ed pieces, community forums and other educational activities with key organizations and community groups.