



Membership Agreement

January 2015-December 2020: For new members and current member renewal

Membership in the Wisconsin Asthma Coalition (WAC) is open to any individual who endorses the coalition's vision and mission. Membership in WAC is free of charge. Please return completed agreements to Kathy Schaefer at KASchaefer@chw.org or fax: (414) 226-4876.

Vision:

Taking control of asthma

Mission:

Fostering partnerships to improve asthma management, enhance quality of life, reduce disparities and prevent asthma-related deaths

Empowering WAC members to:

- Access current asthma information
- Participate in the creation and/or implementation of the WI Asthma Plan
- Receive guidance for implementing best practices to reduce asthma disparities
- Contribute to policy discussions and improvement
- Collaborate with a diverse group of experts working to improve asthma management
- Gain opportunities for networking and professional relationship-building
- Attend coalition meetings, webinars and other WAC events that provide tools and resources for replication in your community
- Work alongside an engaged executive committee committed to creating and carrying out the coalition's agenda in a democratic manner

Name: _____ **Credentials:** _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Title: _____ **City:** _____ **County:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Please circle the topic areas that you have expertise in and/or you would be interested in potentially working on. You will be invited to participate in implementation activities based on your selections below. Please circle all that apply.

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| Clinical Care | Environment |
| Disparities | Public policy and advocacy |
| Education | Schools |
| Enhanced covered services | Work-related asthma |

As a member of the WAC, I endorse the vision and mission of the coalition.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

WAC's guiding principles:

The guiding principles serve as the core foundation from which the WAC maintains its inherent desire to take control of asthma.

- WAC membership endorses the mission and vision of the coalition and is responsible for its success and failures
- WAC leadership listens to members and external stakeholders and is open to new ideas or ways of operating programs
- Communication lines are open and transparent between leadership and membership
- Direct and deliberate actions are required to effectively overcome asthma related health inequities
- WAC utilizes external and internal data to develop, alter or expand programs using evidence-based best practices
- WAC will actively evaluate progress
- WAC is committed to addressing health disparities

Four goals of the Wisconsin Asthma Plan:

1. **Routine health care** – Increase implementation of current NIH asthma guidelines for optimal diagnosis and management of asthma by health care providers
2. **Pharmaceutical care** – Increase appropriate use of comprehensive pharmacologic therapy for long-term asthma
3. **Education** – Increase education that fosters a partnership among the patient, his or her family, caregivers and clinicians
4. **Environment** – Improve environmental control measures to avoid or eliminate factors that precipitate asthma symptoms or exacerbations

Follow the link to view the current Wisconsin Asthma Plan: www.chawisconsin.org/wac

Questions?

Contact Sarah VandenHeuvel, project coordinator, at (414) 337-4570 or svandenheuvel@chw.org.