

With a legacy spanning over 100 years, WellLink Health Alliance has evolved from a regional hospital association to an advocate for healthcare providers across the continuum of care, supporting the well-being of our communities. As a convener, influencer, and innovator, WellLink works to enhance medical, social, and economic health through collaborative solutions that improve healthcare access, efficiency, and sustainability for the benefit of the communities we serve.

## **Our Priorities:**

- 1. Advocate for sustainable healthcare financing across all provider settings while ensuring fair reimbursement structures that support hospitals, community health centers, behavioral health providers, home care, and other essential healthcare organizations.**
  - a. **Funding:** Advocate for maintaining and improving state and federal healthcare funding.
  - b. **Efficiency:** Work to reduce administrative burdens to ensure timely care and reimbursement.
  - c. **Coverage Expansion:** Support expanding health coverage and addressing uncompensated care.
  - d. **Access & Outcomes:** Focus on eliminating barriers to care and improving health outcomes.
  
- 2. Advocate for policies that address workforce shortages across all healthcare sectors from hospitals to home health, long-term care, and behavioral health. Strengthen pathways into healthcare careers through education partnerships and workforce development initiatives.**
  - a. **Workforce Safety:** Ensure the safety of healthcare workers in the region.
  - b. **Workforce Shortages:** Address workforce shortages and stimulate interest in healthcare careers.
  - c. **Burnout Reduction:** Tackle healthcare workforce burnout through administrative reforms and well-being initiatives.
  
- 3. Advocate for advancing quality, equity, and innovation and support systemic changes for a more effective healthcare system that supports community well-being.**
  - a. **Patient Safety & Cybersecurity:** Safeguard patient safety and protect data from cyber threats with AI advancements.
  - b. **Social Drivers of Health (SDoH):** Leverage data-driven strategies and cross-sector partnerships to address social drivers of health while ensuring healthcare providers across settings – hospitals, community clinics, behavioral health services, and long-term care – have the resources to improve population health outcomes.
  - c. **Integrated Health:** Promote initiatives that support a more integrated and cohesive healthcare system.
  - d. **Equity in Care:** Bridge gaps to ensure equitable care across all aspects of healthcare delivery.
  - e. **Supply Chain:** Bolster the resilience of the medical supply chain to ensure access to vital medications, supplies and equipment.

This advocacy agenda reflects WellLink’s commitment to ensuring a sustainable, innovative, and equitable healthcare system for all providers and the communities they serve. By advocating for policies that enhance healthcare delivery, workforce sustainability, and social drivers of health, WellLink demonstrates its one limitless link for improving medical, social, and economic health through collaboration, sustainability, and innovation.