



Wisconsin Legislative Day

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Madison, WI

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should come to GLHF's Wisconsin Legislative Day?

GLHF's Wisconsin Legislative Day is an opportunity for people affected by bleeding disorders to advocate for issues that matter to them. This includes people with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD) and other bleeding disorders; parents, children and teens—both can be great advocates—and other family members. Friends, treatment center staff and anyone who is involved in and cares about the bleeding disorders community are also encouraged to attend.

What happens at GLHF's Wisconsin Legislative Day?

Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30 am, there will be a training on the key issues we will talk to our legislators about. Following lunch we will walk to the Capitol for afternoon meetings. Some meetings will be with the legislators themselves; others will be with a member of their staff. Wherever possible, you will visit with your own representatives, although you may be asked to visit other offices as well. After appointments you will return to the hotel to discuss meetings and evaluate success. The day will conclude by 4:00 pm. The bus will leave for Milwaukee by 4:15 pm.

Do I have to make my own appointments?

GLHF schedules your meetings with the offices of your senator and representative.

What if I've never done this before?

If you've never attended GLHF's Wisconsin Legislative Day before, this is an important time to start. The community is facing significant challenges to access to care, and we need your voice. The great thing is, no experience is necessary. All participants will receive training on how to present the issues. The most important thing you can do as an advocate is tell your own story.

What issues will we be advocating for this year?

Our advocacy this year will focus on two issues. The first issue will pertain to Medicaid and how access to care is vital for the bleeding disorders community. The second issues will be thanking them for the continued support of the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program.



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Is there anything I need to prepare in advance or bring with me?

Since this is mostly about telling your story, not much preparation is needed. In the past, many participants have brought copies of pictures of children and other affected family members as a way of personalizing their story. Others have brought copies of the explanation of benefits (EOB) from their insurance company to emphasize how expensive bleeding disorders are. We will be providing talking points and materials about our advocacy issues and will explain them in detail during the Wednesday morning training.

What should I wear?

Legislators and staff dress professionally. Most of them wear suits or dress slacks and ties. Attendees in the past have felt comfortable wearing similar clothing but certainly don't rush out and buy a suit if you don't have one! Business casual attire is appropriate also. We encourage you to wear something red (tie, accessory, sweater, etc) in your meetings to represent the community. Please wear comfortable shoes as we will be walking.