

Coalition is seeking to hire a coordinator

Summary: The Protect Our Healthcare Coalition is a group of 30 diverse organizations that since 2017 has stood united under a mission to defend and expand access to affordable, comprehensive, quality healthcare for all Rhode Islanders.

Co-convened by the Economic Progress Institute and RIPIN, the Coalition advances healthcare justice by advocating for policies that reduce financial barriers to healthcare, support vulnerable populations, and address systemic inequities. Previous and ongoing priorities have included protecting and expanding Medicaid, reducing barriers to health insurance access and utilization, campaigns for access to reproductive and gender-affirming care, and the codification of the patient protections of the Affordable Care Act in Rhode Island statute. The Coalition promotes state investment in public programs like Medicaid and the HealthSource RI individual market, promotes health insurance reform efforts to improve affordability and access for all Rhode Islanders, and supports healthcare delivery system improvements and stabilization efforts to ensure availability of quality healthcare for all Rhode Islanders, particularly those facing economic hardship.

More information about the Protect Our Healthcare Coalition can be found at www.protecthealthri.org.

The **Coalition is seeking to hire a coordinator** to organize the coalition; engage current and new members; strategize policy priorities and community outreach efforts; and help lead Coalition events, actions, and direct advocacy for state-based health insurance and health care reform.

Key Goals/Tasks:

- Facilitate monthly full Coalition meetings and routine policy subgroup meetings;
- Draft, refine, and submit Coalition written advocacy work (in cooperation with Coalition co-chairs), including hearing testimony, responses to regulatory rulemaking, and letters to the Governor and his/her executive agencies;
- Coordinate Coalition events, including legislative policy forums, policy planning workshops, and press events;
- Work with convening partners to assemble annual grant submissions and oversee solicitation of partner contributions;

- Coordinate (in partnership with convening partners) the Coalition's social media advocacy;
- Maintain records of Coalition meetings and work;
- Maintain a bill tracker and calendar and provide routine updates to Coalition partners of upcoming hearings, events, work group meetings etc.

Preferred Skills/Qualifications of Consultant:

- Demonstrated, passionate commitment to healthcare justice
- Strong knowledge of health care and health insurance policy
- Government relations experience, including pre-existing relationships with elected officials, EOHHS, OHIC, and other health care system stakeholders
- Facilitation and coalition organizing skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Availability for State House advocacy and testimony during the legislative session
- Experience coordinating community outreach and advocacy, including storybanking, training for grassroots lobbying, and focus group facilitation
- Regular local in-person presence in Rhode Island required

Budget:

This is a part-time, contract position with flexible hours. The budget for this scope of work is \$32,000 annually, with the potential for additional work as new funding allows

To Apply

- Ideal candidate would start in January 2026.
- Apply ASAP by sending an email with a resume, cover letter, and hourly rates or other pricing information to NHarrison@economicprogressri.org
- Please email any questions to NHarrison@economicprogressri.org