



LWV PWM Concurrence with LWV VT

On November 14, 2025, LWV PWM adopted the following position on Privatization, shortened from the 2023 position adopted by Vermont¹:

The LWV of PWM believes that healthcare, like other programs that provide and protect basic human needs, should be considered a public good.

The League favors a system where fiduciary responsibility is to patients or the public. Because private for-profit corporations have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders rather than to patients or the public, the League believes the for-profit business model for providing healthcare or other public goods is inappropriate for the common good or to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable members of society. In sum, the League opposes further privatization of needed healthcare; and, where private entities fail *to deliver programs that provide and protect basic human needs*, the League supports de-privatizing them.

¹ Shortened by 75% from the LWWVT text to eliminate unneeded commentary, re-sequenced with antecedents explicit to ensure clarity.