



Resolution No. 19 (2019)
CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
POSITION RELATED TO MEDICAID EXPANSION PROPOSED IN THE
2019-2021 STATE BUDGET

COVER MEMO

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Fred Johnson, Director, Health & Human Services

DATE: June 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Health and Human Services Board Position Related to Medicaid Expansion Proposed in the 2019-2021 State Budget

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Consideration of Health and Human Services Board position related to Medicaid expansion.



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WHEREAS, Governor Evers' 2019-2021 Executive Budget recommends the use of available federal funding for Medicaid Expansion; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid eligibility would expand from the current 100% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$12,000 annual income for a household of one per federal poverty guidelines effective February 1, 2019) to 138% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$17,000 annual income for a household of one per federal poverty guidelines effective February 1, 2019); and

WHEREAS, From 2014 through 2016, states were reimbursed for 100% of the cost of covering newly-eligible groups, with a declining federal share in subsequent years until reaching 90% in 2020 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the standard federal medical assistance percentage for Wisconsin is currently approximately 59%; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will allow the state to draw down new federal funds resulting in \$324.5 million in state general purpose revenue savings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Administration estimates that expansion will enable approximately 82,000 additional individuals to access affordable health insurance coverage, of which an estimated 660 are St. Croix County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services provided a summary of \$17 million of Medicaid expansion benefits specific to St. Croix County, which is attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors does support Medicaid expansion as proposed in Governor Evers' 2019-2021 Executive Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the office of the Wisconsin Governor, the office of Wisconsin Department of Health Secretary, St. Croix County Legislators, and Wisconsin Counties Association.

(Clerk note: This resolution was approved by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2019.)

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Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact:


 Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 4/5/2019

04/10/19 Health & Human Services Board MEETING CANCELLED Next:
 05/08/19

RESULT: MEETING CANCELLED Next: 5/8/2019 5:00 PM

05/08/19 Health & Human Services Board APPROVED

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 2] Next: 6/4/2019 5:00 PM
MOVER: Tammy Moothedan, Supervisor
SECONDER: Deb Lindemann, Board Member
AYES: Ostness, Anderson, Lindemann, Ward, McGinnis
NAYS: Tom Coulter, Dan Fosterling
ABSENT: Buck Malick, Tammy Moothedan

05/08/19 Health & Human Services Board APPROVED

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 2]
MOVER: Tammy Moothedan, Supervisor
SECONDER: Deb Lindemann, Board Member
AYES: Moothedan, Ostness, Anderson, Lindemann, Ward, McGinnis
NAYS: Tom Coulter, Dan Fosterling
ABSENT: Buck Malick

Vote Confirmation.



Dave Ostness HHS, Chairman

5/14/2019

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement –

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR [13 TO 4]
MOVER:	Dave Ostness, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Roy Sjoberg, Supervisor
AYES:	Schachtner, Sjoberg, Malick, Moothedan, Fosterling, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Hable, Peavey
NAYS:	Jim Endle, Lynda Miller, Tom Coulter, Bob Feidler
ABSENT:	District 13, District 14

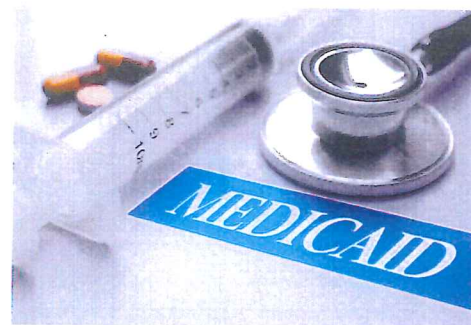
This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on May 8, 2019

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk

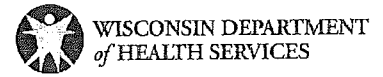
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MEDICAID

- Budget expands Medicaid under the ACA
 - Low-income individuals between 0 and 133 (138) percent of the FPL
 - 82,000 additional individuals eligible for coverage
 - \$320 million in GPR savings
- No increase in the income maintenance administration allocation for counties



Governor Evers' Budget



Better, more affordable care, covering more Wisconsinites

Expanding Medicaid: Positive Economic Impacts

With Governor Evers' budget, Wisconsin can cover more people for less state money. The savings from this expansion leverages hundreds of millions in new federal funding to invest in the health and well-being of every citizen. Medicaid is a foundation of health care and 1.2 million Wisconsin residents rely on Medicaid for high quality health care. States that accept federal dollars for Medicaid expansion saw positive impacts to their economies, including increased numbers of practicing providers, reductions to uncompensated care, reductions in medical debt, and positive correlations between Medicaid enrollment and employment.

Health care coverage for more Wisconsinites

The budget expands Medicaid to cover childless adults, parents, and caretakers up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) which is \$17,000 per year for a single person working full time. This expansion will enable an estimated 82,000 additional individuals to access affordable health coverage. By covering individuals who currently lack insurance, uncompensated care for providers will decline. This proposal will generate \$324.5 million in savings which is invested back in health care to improve the lives of every Wisconsinite.

Increasing access to health care

Hospitals and other health care providers are the cornerstones of Wisconsin communities and drivers of local economies. The budget includes funding to increase Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals as well as primary care and specialty providers. Investing in these critical providers will foster economic growth and increase financial stability by reducing uncompensated care for these community anchors. Higher reimbursement rates will help attract and retain medical professionals in Wisconsin.

Attracting more primary care doctors and other providers to Wisconsin

Physicians play a critical role in the health care industry by providing an estimated 54.6% of all health care visits. The budget proposes to increase provider payments to help attract and retain medical professionals in Wisconsin. The budget will include funding to improve Medicaid reimbursement rates by \$69 million for providers across the state to ensure access to quality care for all Wisconsin communities. Increasing reimbursement rates to family physicians, behavioral health professionals, and specialty physicians will help address provider shortages; especially in rural areas.

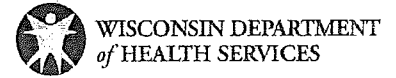
Improved financial health

A National Bureau of Economic Research study found that in the 29 states that expanded Medicaid, there was a positive impact on financial well-being by reducing medical debt by \$900 per Medicaid enrollee and preventing 50,000 bankruptcies.

More providers, more jobs

A single primary care provider working in a clinic in a rural community helps create an average 6.6 jobs. If the provider works at a hospital, the job yield is 19.7 jobs. The total labor impact of wages and benefits is almost \$1.4 million for local economies.

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Supporting St. Croix County

Medicaid expansion is the lever that Wisconsin pulls to infuse new federal dollars into the rest of our health care system, with the aim of improving the health and well-being of every citizen. Medicaid is a critical part of our health care system. In Wisconsin, 1.1 million residents rely on Medicaid for high-quality health care. The budget expands Medicaid to cover childless adults, parents, and caretakers with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level, which is about \$17,000 per year for a single person working full time. This expansion will enable an estimated 82,000 additional individuals to access affordable health care.

Medicaid expansion will also allow the state to draw down new federal funds and save Wisconsin taxpayers \$324.5 million. The budget proposes to reinvest these savings into new initiatives to improve health care access and quality for all St. Croix County residents, not just those enrolled in Medicaid. The expansion plus the new initiatives will enable us to draw down a total of \$1.6 billion in new federal funding. When we combine these new initiatives with all other investments for Department of Health Services programs—from both the state and federal government—the budget provides a total of \$2.6 billion in new funding. Of this, \$2.4 billion will be invested in Wisconsin communities, including \$17 million in St. Croix County.

\$17 million of new investments in St. Croix County

- ◆ \$5.48 million Expanding Medicaid to an estimated 660 St. Croix County residents
- ◆ \$408,000 Expanding access to behavioral health, including crisis intervention and telehealth services
- ◆ \$515,000 Preventing childhood lead poisoning through lead abatement and supporting children with lead poisoning through the Birth to 3 Program
- ◆ \$396,000 Improving access to dental services by increasing payments to dental providers, including those who serve people with disabilities, and expanding the Seal-A-Smile program
- ◆ \$767,000 Enhancing Medicaid benefits and services, including support for the new community health benefit and postpartum coverage for new mothers
- ◆ \$608,000 Increasing funding for physicians
- ◆ \$562,000 Increasing hospital funding
- ◆ \$749,000 Increasing funding for providers in long-term care programs and services—including Family Care IRIS, and nursing homes—and boosting personal care worker wages
- ◆ \$7.47 million Continuing to provide coverage to current Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and FoodShare Employment and Training program members, and permanently ending the waitlist to serve all eligible children in the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program
- ◆ \$77,000 Supporting the Mental Health Consultation program, conditional and supervised release, and the Dispatcher Assisted Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation program