



**Resolution No. 31 (2021)**  
**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION PROPOSED IN**  
**THE 2021-2023 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**

**COVER MEMO**

**TO:** County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Ken Witt, County Administrator  
Bob Rohret, Director, Health & Human Services

**DATE:** July 6, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution Supporting Medicaid Expansion Proposed in the 2021-2023 Governor's Budget

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Recommendation related to Medicaid expansion in 2021-2023 Governor's Budget



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1           **WHEREAS**, Governor Evers’ 2021-2023 Biennial Budget recommends accepting an  
2 additional \$1 Billion in new federal funding for the next two years, in addition to \$635 million  
3 Wisconsin would already receive by becoming a Medicaid expansion state; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, Medicaid eligibility for single adults would expand to 138% of poverty  
6 (approximately \$17,000 annually), allowing thousands of low-income Wisconsinites access to  
7 mental health and addiction services for the first time; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, people with behavioral health conditions are nearly one-third of the  
10 expansion population and Medicaid is a key financing source for fighting the opioid epidemic;  
11 and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, without Medicaid expansion low-income people across the state, many of  
14 whom are the working poor, would be left as they were before the Affordable Care Act with no  
15 pathway to affordable health coverage; and  
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17           **WHEREAS**, an estimated sixty-two percent of those who would benefit from Medicaid  
18 expansion are in working families and half are working themselves; and  
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20           **WHEREAS**, the AMA (American Medical Association) estimated a 5.1 per cent decline  
21 in use of emergency departments as a usual source of health care as a result of Medicaid  
22 expansion; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, the influx of federal dollars would reverberate through the state economy,  
25 with expansion states seeing higher job growth.  
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27           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of  
28 Supervisors does support Medicaid expansion as proposed in Governor Evers’ 2021-2023  
29 Executive Budget.  
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31           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors directs  
32 the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the office of the Wisconsin Governor,  
33 the office of Wisconsin Department of Health Secretary, St. Croix County Legislators, and  
34 Wisconsin Counties Association.

**Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:**

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact: None

  
Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 6/9/2021

  
Leah Sirington, Finance Director 6/9/2021

  
Ken Witt, County Administrator 6/9/2021

06/16/21 Health & Human Services Board RECOMMENDED

**RESULT:** RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Scottie Ard, Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Cathy Leaf, Supervisor  
**AYES:** Leaf, Koch, Ostness, Ard, Tellijohn, Anderson, Lindemann, Ward, McGinnis

Vote Confirmation.

  
Dave Ostness HHS, Chairman 6/24/2021

**St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:**

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [15 TO 3]  
**MOVER:** Dave Ostness, Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Cathy Leaf, Supervisor  
**AYES:** Schachtner, Leaf, Koch, Hall, Ottino, Ostness, Counter, Hansen, Ard, Tellijohn, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Tomtschik, Peavey  
**NAYS:** Shawn Anderson, Bob Long, Paul Berning

**EXCUSED:** Bob Feidler

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on July 6, 2021

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk