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**RESOLUTION #66-21
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Subject: Badger Care Eligibility Cliff Elimination

WHEREAS, in addition to Medicaid, Wisconsin also administers Badger Care Plus, a similar program for groups of people who need healthcare coverage but may not qualify for Medicaid or need different kinds of services: Badger Care Plus is also sometimes informally referred to as just Badger Care, and

WHEREAS, those individuals who do not qualify for Badger Care or Badger Care Plus face a benefits cliff, which can occur when a public support program is designed in such a way that, at a certain level of income, a small increase in earnings can result in a significant ineligibility for benefits, and

WHEREAS, this benefit cliff, in some instances, becomes a barrier for individuals seeking employment, or seeking better employment, and

WHEREAS, allowing individuals to work productively without harming their health benefits, not only reduces the cost of a benefit program, but also simultaneously improves the overall economic activity of a region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony Evers work cooperatively to eliminate the aforementioned benefit cliff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this benefit cliff be eliminated with a proportionate sliding fee scale, that as individuals and families earn additional dollars, there is a corresponding but smaller contribution amount toward their health insurance coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Wisconsin Counties Association, State Senator Janet Bewley, State Representatives Nick Milroy and Beth Meyers, Governor Evers and other Wisconsin Counties.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Jaques, second Slay, to adopt. Anna Carlson, Health and Human Services Director, clarified support of resolution and its meaning. Motion carried.