

## **Resolution R06-2021-1390**

### **Support Medicaid Expansion**

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a program of Medicaid expansion, whereby in exchange for increased federal matching funds, states could elect to expand the number of individuals covered under state administered Medicaid programs, but historically the state of Wisconsin has declined Medicaid expansion funds; *and*

**WHEREAS**, expansion of Medicaid in Wisconsin would increase the eligibility income level from 100% of federal poverty level (\$12,880 for a household of one and \$26,500 for a household of four) to 138% federal poverty level (\$17,774 for household of one and \$36,570 for a household of four); *and*

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's population is aging and more seniors will require care and services in the future; *and*

**WHEREAS**, current state estimates indicate another 90,000 individuals including some seniors on fixed incomes in Wisconsin will qualify for Medicaid if expanded; *and*

**WHEREAS**, expansion of Medicaid would improve the health, wellbeing, and productivity of thousands of residents in the areas of preventive services, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavior health, crisis intervention, lead poisoning, treatment of chronic disease, dental health, and support for the elderly and people with disabilities thus providing for a healthier population and more productive workforce; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid expansion is included in the Governor's 2021-2023 budget and is anticipated to increase the state's revenues by approximately \$1 billion during the biennium; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid expansion dollars will be used to expand healthcare services in the areas of healthcare equity, behavior health, public health, and long-term care;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ashland County board of Supervisors assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, request that Wisconsin Counties Association support the expansion of Medicaid and consider adoption of this resolution as part of their policy platform.

Signed at the City of Ashland this 15th day of June, 2021.

By Action of the  
**Ashland County Board of Supervisors**

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Richard Pufall, County Board Chair

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ATTEST: Heather Schutte, County Clerk