



Department of Health Services - State of Wisconsin
Town Hall Results
SeniorCare (from Consumers)

Justin

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Information dissemination

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

1. Rewarding individual disease and illness prevention measures. 2. Point of delivery evaluation to ensure that all medical intervention and charges correspond with services rendered.

Doug

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

I currently take 11 generic and 2 brand name medications. My total cost per year under SeniorCare is \$1,465. Under Governor Walker's proposal, if I had to sign up for a Medicare Part D plan, my yearly cost would be \$4,446.34. The Medicare Part D premiums alone would be \$74.70/month. The difference between what SeniorCare currently costs me and what a Medicare Part D plan is \$2,981.34. That's an incredible difference.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

None

Darlene

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

I just want our SeniorCare prescription drug coverage to stay in place. Maybe an increase in the yearly premium could be increased.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

None

Harriet

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

The Department of Services is needed in place to help people who cannot afford health care because of the wages they are receiving. It is less expensive to help them than to always pay for emergency room services when they could use a doctors office for illnesses that aren't emergencies. We need to care for our youngest and oldest citizens.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Provide medical care so people don't have to use expensive emergency rooms for care that is not an emergency.

Rachel

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

You should continue to emphasize the use of generic drugs and negotiation of drug prices.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Badger Care Plus assists young adults so that they do not have to resort to emergency room care when they are sick. It fills a distinct need and saves money in the long run. We need to keep Family Care because care in the home is far cheaper than care in nursing homes.

Christine

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Use of peer specialists.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Peer Specialty saves money. Peer specialists are mental health consumers with jobs. They work in many settings, including hospitals and community settings. Training peer specialists is not costly and is time-effective. Peer specialists embody recovery and this leads to recovered consumers on a wide scale. Recovered consumers integrate in society free of supports.

Sarah

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Continue the course, BadgerCare is a great program.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

None

Karen

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

None

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

I think people on any health insurance plan should pay more for being a smoker, overweight, etc. Perhaps a tax deduction for anyone within their BMI range is also an incentive for being healthier. I think the government should also change the food stamp/quest program by allocating so much money on the card for vegys/fruit, another amount for healthy grains, etc. These people tend to be making poor food and health choices and are a drain on the states resources. With todays computer systems, you would think this would be easy to implement.

John

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Provide either 1) free universal health care for the citizens of Wisconsin or 2) a government-run public option to compete with insurance companies in Wisconsin.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

The Department of Health Services will have more money if corporate tax loopholes are closed and when the wealthiest of Wisconsin pay their fair share of taxes.

Linda

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

I am writing on behalf of my 2 year old grandson and my husband. My grandson was born premature and weight only 2 pounds at birth. Due to his premature birth he has ongoing respiratory problems that have landed him in the hospital on several occasions in his short life. My husband is presently on Medicare and SeniorCare. If these programs are taken away or cuts are made to them, my grandson will no longer be able to get the care he needs and my husband will have to pay for higher prescription drug coverage than we can afford. The biggest issue is that my grandson be able to get the coverage he needs. If he loses this coverage and can not get the medical help he needs in the future he could die! That is very scary and devastating to our family.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Keep costs at an affordable level for low income families and the elderly. I know that isn't a cost saving suggestion but I think it is vital for all involved.

Damian

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Why did Ms. Rhoades object to Health WI? Was there anything worthwhile in it? What will Gov. Walker do to improve access and affordability over and beyond making cuts?

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

None

Sally

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

None

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Refurbish equipment (wheelchairs), reuse vehicles (wheelchair accessible).

Ardyth

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Don't cut, innovate.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Peer run centers that are alternatives to hospitalization (such as those in Georgia & Nebraska).

Amy

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

Help keep Gov. Walker from shredding our budget in all of the areas that people need assistance most. These are people, including me, who cannot always take care of themselves and I'd like to know what Walker will do with all of the homelessness and rise in mental health diagnoses (because people, without Badger Care, can't get their meds), and ultimately (and most sadly) the new population of criminals.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Fight. Fight for us. Don't let this mogul of a business man turn our state into a for-profit enterprise. This is not a business like he is used to being so successful with. These are people's basic rights. Stop him....I don't know how, but stop him.

Dennis

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

By not concerning changing the current Senior Care system. Don't fix what isn't broken. It's affordable and it is income based so those you receive more pay more, etc. etc.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

Eliminate all of these so called deputy positions that just cost money I hear WI doesn't have. Start cutting from the top end so we can provide assistance to the people who need it in WI.

Prunckle

What could the Department of Health Services improve?

I'm very please with the level of care that is provided through my Badger Care Plus Core Plan. It would be nice if a larger variety of prescriptions were offered, but largely the care received is excellent. It is unfortunate that DHS services may be cut by the current legislators. I implore the lawmakers of Wisconsin to not cut services offered by DHS.

Do you have any cost savings suggestions for the Department of Health Services?

A moderate increase in co-pay would be tolerable. Offering access to more services online or via touch-tone phone menus may generate more cost savings. Ideally the original Universal Healthcare proposed by the Obama Administration would have solved a lot of these problems. Further cost savings could be achieved through streamlining the medical billing process. This would create savings on both ends.