



Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget

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Agenda

- Public Health and Health Equity: Discussion of Key Budget Provisions in Governor Evers' Proposed 2021-23 Budget
- Questions and Next Steps

People First

- Invests in Coverage and Communities
- Invests in Behavioral Health
- Invests in Public Health and Long-Term Care



Budget Materials

- DHS Budget Website:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/index.htm>
- DHS Budget Fact Sheets:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/resources.htm>

People First: Governor Evers' Proposed Budget

Wisconsin faces unprecedented challenges. Governor Evers' proposed 2021-2023 budget puts people first by increasing and improving access to health care, expanding behavioral health services, protecting our neighbors most in need, and ensuring our public health system is robust and responsive. Now is a time for bold action, and instead of retracing our steps to go back to the way things were, we will bounce back a safer, healthier, and more equitable state. Together, we commit to putting people first to meet our challenges moving forward.

Governor Evers' proposed budget puts the people of Wisconsin first.



Invest in Coverage and Communities >

Many individuals and families cannot afford health insurance in our state. This is a critical need for too many people in Wisconsin, and the situation is especially urgent for Wisconsin's communities of color. We must take action. Governor Evers' budget invests in access to affordable health care and commits to policies and funding designed to break down structural inequities and improve health outcomes.



Invest in Behavioral Health >

To ensure the right supports are available at the right time for all Wisconsin residents, we are building an integrated behavioral health system that provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services to individuals across their life span in their communities. Governor Evers' budget invests in behavioral health and substance use disorder services because these services are essential to overall wellness.



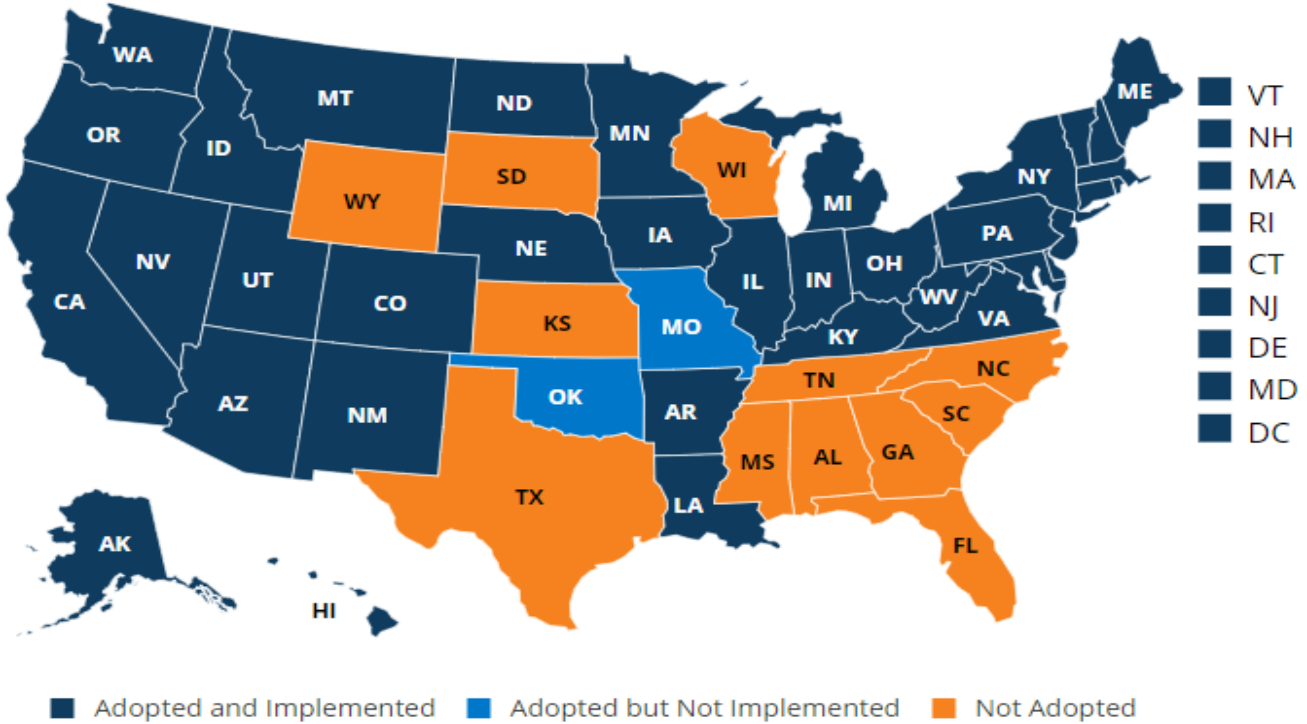
Invest in Public Health and Long-Term Care >

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of community preparedness and high quality care for Wisconsin residents of all ages. To rebuild together, Governor Evers' budget invests in our public health and long-term care systems, ensuring every Wisconsinite can live their best life.

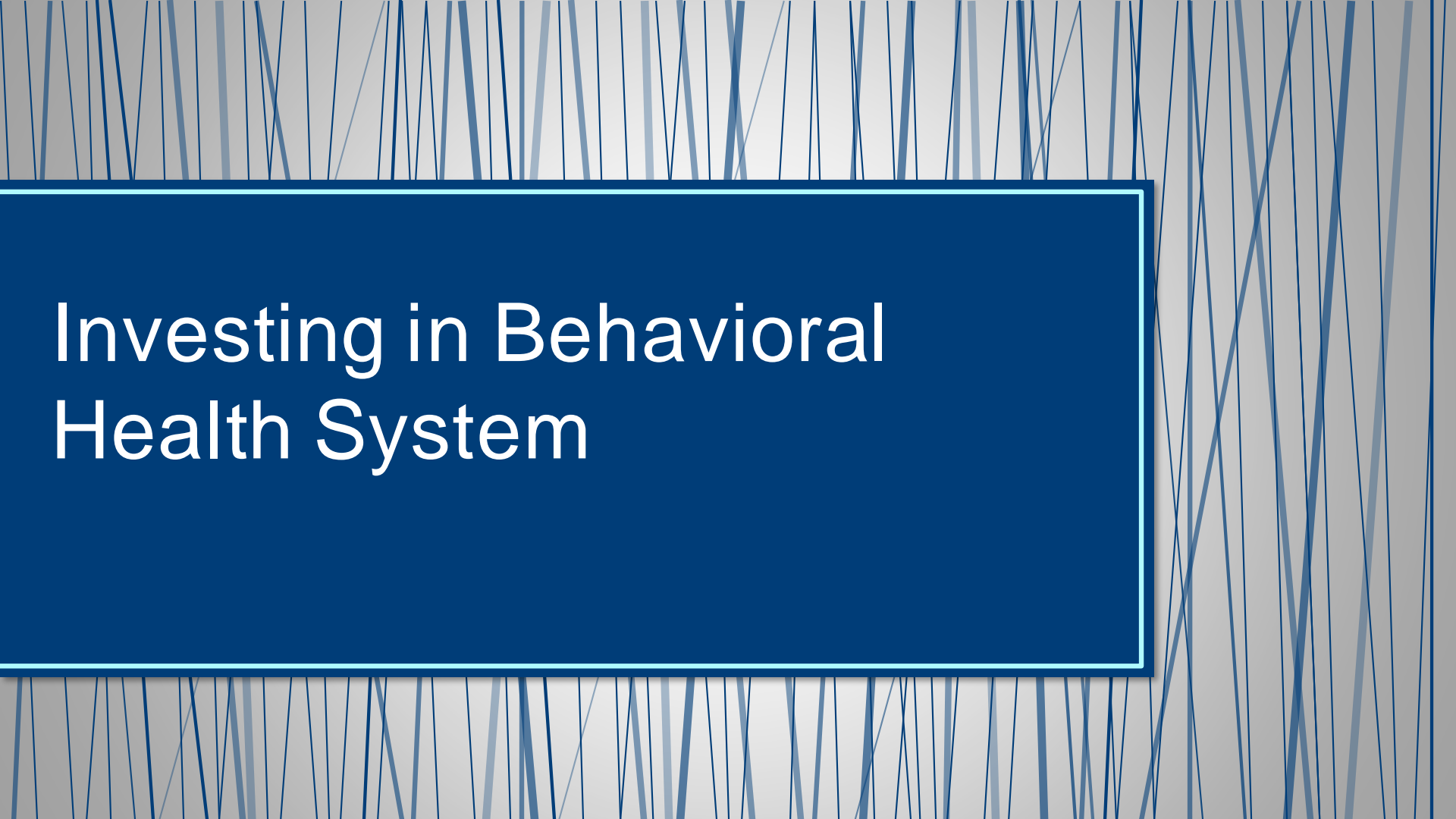
Medicaid Expansion

- **Expansion**
 - State GPR Savings - \$634 million
 - Expands coverage to approximately 90,000 Wisconsinites, ~50,000 uninsured

Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision



SOURCE: "Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision," KFF State Health Facts, updated March 12, 2021. <https://www.kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-activity-around-expanding-medicaid-under-the-affordable-care-act/>



Investing in Behavioral Health System

Ensuring Access to Behavioral Health Crisis Care

Supporting Local Crisis Response

- Regional Crisis Centers - \$12.6 Million
- Regional Crisis Stabilization Facilities - \$5 million
- County Crisis Phone Lines and Peer-Run “Warm-lines” - \$2.4 million
- Bed Tracker - \$150,000

Supporting Milwaukee Crisis Response

- Milwaukee County Crisis Mobile Team Grant - \$1.7 million
- Milwaukee Trauma Response Team - \$900,000

Services for Justice-Involved Individuals

- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Teams - \$4.5 million
- Treatment for people involved in criminal justice system- \$6.1 million

Linking Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health

- Emergency Response Collaboration Grant - \$2.5 million
- Crisis Intervention Training Grant - \$750,000

Expanding Behavioral Health Services

- Behavioral Health Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-blind - \$1.9 million
- Behavioral Health Technology - \$2 million
- Substance Use Harm Reduction Grants - \$500,000
- Methamphetamine Addiction Treatment Training Grant Program - \$450,000

Treating and Preventing Substance Use Disorders

- Improve Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment - \$12.4 million
- Room and Board for Residential Substance Treatment - \$6.5 million
- Medicaid Coverage of Acupuncture - \$3.2 million

Expanding Behavioral Health Services

- Medicaid Rates for Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Services - \$40 million
- Psycho-social Rehabilitation Benefit - \$2 million

Protecting Kids

- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) waitlist
 - Funding to serve all eligible children projected to enroll in coming biennium
 - Statutory language directing DHS to ensure all eligible children who seek to enroll are served
- Medicaid Rate Increase for Autism Services - \$22.6 million
 - ~ 25% increase for behavioral treatment services

Other Key Areas of the DHS Budget

Advancing Equity

- Community Health Workers - \$29.3 million
- Free and Charitable Clinics and Community Health Centers - \$8 million
- Health Equity Community Grants - \$15 million
- Minority Health Grants - \$8 million

Investing in Public Health

- State and local communicable disease response - \$13.6 million
- Protecting kids from lead hazards
- Tobacco prevention

Supporting Caregivers and Long Term Care Providers

Supporting Older Adults in the Community

- ADRC funding- \$7 million
- Dementia Care Specialists - \$3.5 million

Medicaid Funding

- Nursing Home rate increase - \$241 million
- Payments for Direct Care - \$155.6 million

Next Steps/Discussion