



# Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget *Partnering with Counties*

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# Agenda

- 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

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## 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.

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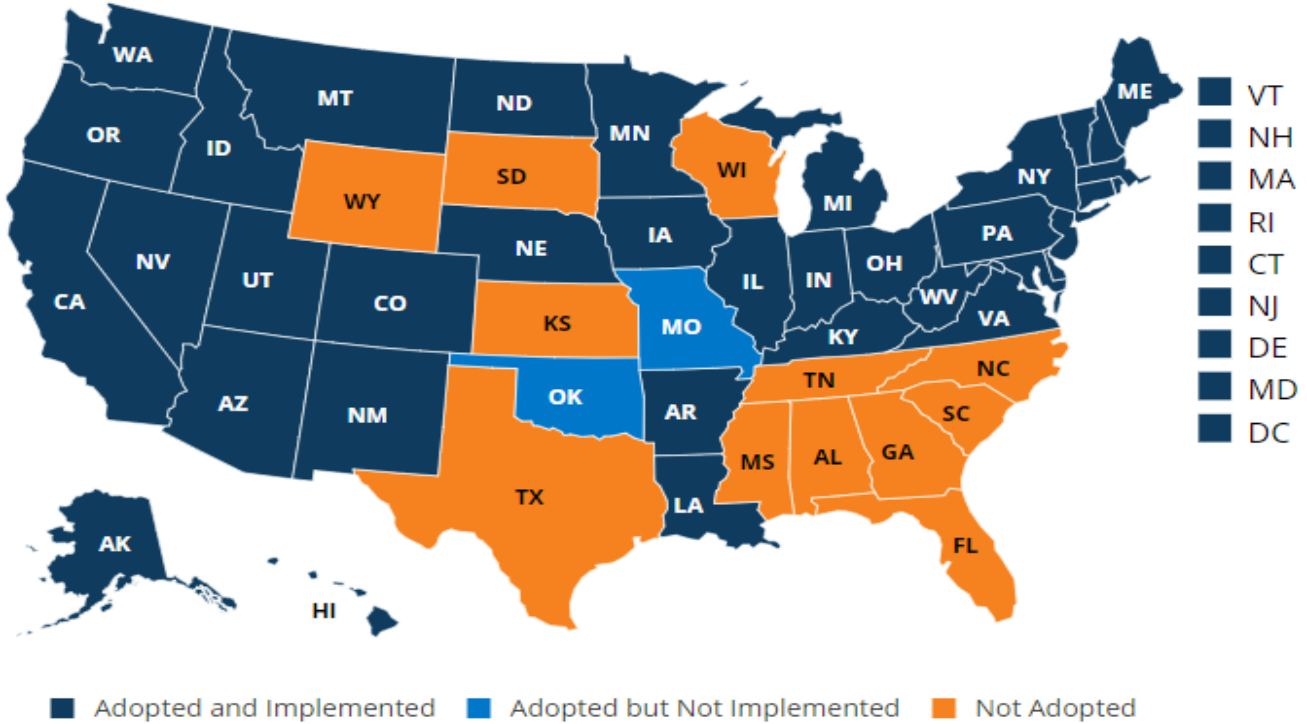


# Expanding Coverage and Ensuring Access

# Medicaid Expansion

- State GPR Savings - \$1.6 billion
- Expands coverage to approximately 90,000 Wisconsinites
  - Approximately 50,000 of those individuals are currently 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/>



# Other Medicaid Provisions

- County Enrollment Functions - \$11.1 million
- Payments to Hospitals - \$321 million
- Critical Access Payments for Medicaid Dental Providers - \$35.9 million

# Investing in Behavioral Health

# Expanding Behavioral Health Services

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

# 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

# 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

# Linking Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health

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

# Investing in Public Health

# Funding for Communicable Disease Response

- Funding for local communicable disease response - \$10m
- Funding for state communicable disease response - \$3.6m



# Protecting Kids

- Childhood lead poisoning prevention
  - Ongoing funding for Lead Safe Homes Program
  - Windows Plus Program - \$2 million
  - Birth to 3 Eligibility expansion - \$9.9 million
- Tobacco Use Prevention- \$2 million

# Supporting Caregivers and Long Term Care Providers

# Long Term Care

## **Supporting Older Adults in the Community**

- Aging and Disability Resource Centers - \$7 million
- Dementia Care Specialist Expansion - \$3.5 million

# Long Term Care

- Nursing Home rate increase - \$241 million
- Funding for Direct Care
  - Family Care Supplement - \$77.8 million
  - Personal Care Services - \$77.8 million
- Eliminate Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) waitlist

# Advancing Health Equity

# Healthy Women, Healthy Babies

- Women's Health Block Grant Funding
  - Restoration of Funding - \$400,000
  - Elimination of restrictions on grant recipients
- Extend post-partum coverage for pregnant women in Medicaid - \$21 million
- Coverage for doula services - \$1 million

# Health Equity and Minority Health Grants

- Health Equity Community Grants Local and Tribal Health Departments - \$15 million
- Minority Health Grants - \$8 million

# Community Health

- Community Health Workers - \$29.3 million
  - Grant funding - \$15 million
  - Medicaid coverage - \$14.3 million
- Community Health Benefit - \$25.5 million
- Tribal Shared Savings- \$5.5 million



# Next Steps and Discussion

Bounceback Live Sessions



**Accessible and Affordable Healthcare  
March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

<https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/BudgetListeningSessions.aspx>

Topics: expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare, protecting people who have pre-existing conditions, investing in mental health services, Medicaid/BadgerCare expansion, caregiving, and long-term care for aging and older adults and folks with disabilities.

# Other Stakeholder Webinars

- 3/17, 9:30a-10:30a: *Public health and health equity*
- 3/18, 10:00a-11:00a: *Behavioral health*
- 3/19, 10:00a-11:00a: *LTC Organizations*
- 3/22, 1:00p-2:00p: *Health Care Consumer Organizations*
- **3/24, 3:30p – 4:30p:** **Counties**
- 3/26, 9:00a-10:00a: *Providers*
- 3/26, 3:30p-4:30p: *Tribes and Tribal Organizations*

Thank you!

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