



# Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget *Long-Term Care Stakeholders*

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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

- 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.



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.



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.



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.

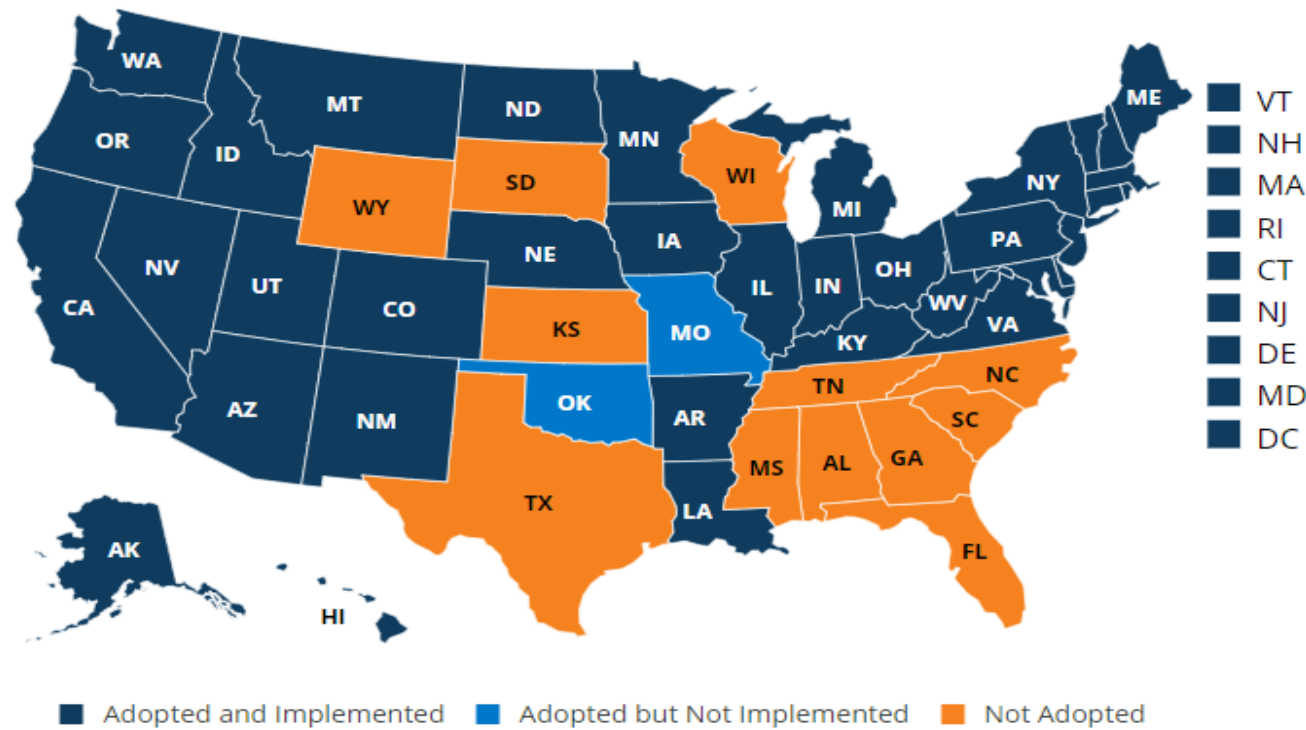
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# Medicaid Expansion

- **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/>

# Supporting Caregivers and Long-Term Care Providers



# Investing in Wisconsin's LTC System

- Nursing Home Rate Increase - \$241 million
- Family Care Direct Care Supplement - \$77.8 million
- Personal Care Rate Increase - \$77.8 million
- Home and Community Based Waiver Programs  
Rate Band Proposal

# Protecting Kids

- Eliminates Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) waitlist
- Medicaid Rate Increase for Autism Services - \$22.6 million

# Supporting Older Adults in the Community

- ADRC funding - \$7 million
- Dementia Care Specialists - \$3.5 million
- Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program - \$1 million

# Strengthening Caregiver Workforce

- Direct Support Professional Training
- Home Care Provider Registry
- Income Disregard for Child Care Subsidy Eligibility

# Supporting Family Caregivers

- Family and Guardian Training - \$250,000
- Caregiver Assessment Tool
- Caregiver Tax Credit - \$200 million
- Hospital Services to Caregivers
- Expansion of Family Medical Leave Act

# 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
  - Expansion of Birth to 3 program - \$9.9 million
- Tobacco prevention



# Improving Access to Behavioral Health Services

## **Increased Funding and New Services**

- Medicaid Rates for Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Services - \$40 million
- Supporting Local Crisis Response - \$17.6 million

## **Treating and Preventing SUD**

- Room and Board for Residential Substance Treatment - \$6.5 million
- Improve Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment - \$12.4 million

# Next Steps/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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