



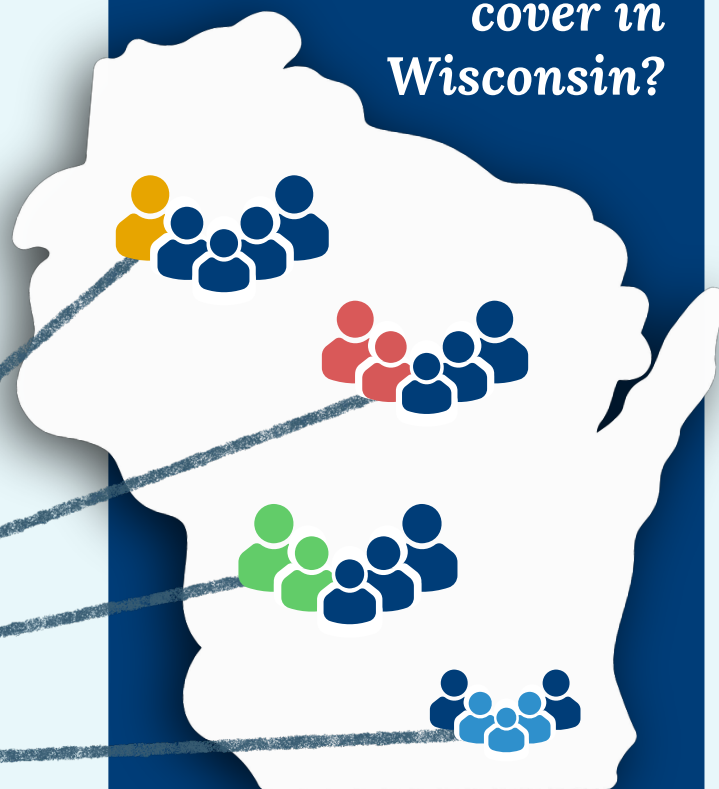
Congressional Medicaid Cuts:

The Impact on Wisconsin

Wisconsin's Medicaid programs are an essential part of our state's health care system and economy. However, Congress is currently considering massive Medicaid cuts, putting our people, our health care system, and our economy at risk. While the final details of these proposals are still unknown, to achieve the \$880 billion in cuts envisioned in the U.S. House of Representatives budget blueprint, substantial impacts to Medicaid and other health programs are unavoidable. These cuts from Congress would shift costs to Wisconsin, slash the Medicaid budget, and make services harder to access for working adults.

Simply put, we can't have a healthy and strong Wisconsin without a healthy and strong Medicaid program.

What does Medicaid cover in Wisconsin?



One of every five Wisconsinites

Two of every five Wisconsin births

Two of every five Wisconsin kids

Three of every five people in a
Wisconsin nursing home.

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Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) analyzed potential changes under discussion:

Per-Person Funding Caps Endanger Services for Members and Payments to Providers. The federal government shares the funding responsibility for Medicaid with states, generally covering 60 cents out of every dollar spent on health care services in Wisconsin's Medicaid program. This allows states to cope with unforeseen circumstances, such as economic downturns or faster-than-expected medical cost growth. Congress may limit federal funding for Medicaid members at a set dollar amount for each person, rather than the long-standing approach of paying for a percentage of costs. This would squeeze state budgets and put Wisconsin taxpayers on the hook if medical costs rise quickly, potentially making the state consider cuts to eligibility, benefits, or provider payments.

Ten-Year Wisconsin Loss: Up to \$16.8 billion

Barriers to Coverage and Increased Cost to Taxpayers. Many Wisconsinites with Medicaid work in jobs that don't offer health insurance; many others can't work because of a health condition. Congress may impose new red-tape requirements on these hard-working Wisconsinites, making it even more difficult for people to get health coverage, while also making it cost more for the state to do all the new paperwork for this unnecessary requirement.

- **Wisconsin Health Care Coverage Market Impact:** 52,000 people who are highly likely to lose health coverage
- **Annual Wisconsin Cost:** Up to \$65.6 million

Medicaid Infrastructure Cuts Make it Harder to Prevent Fraud and Waste. The federal government and states also share the administrative costs of running Medicaid programs. This includes things like eligibility verification and fraud prevention. The federal government provides states more funding for certain high-impact activities, like investment in information technology systems. Congress may cut the amount of federal money provided to states to support these vital functions. That would put Wisconsinites on the hook to maintain an effective and efficient Medicaid program.

Annual Wisconsin Cost: Up to \$93.0 million



Read the full DHS special analysis:
dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fed-medicaid-cuts-full-2025.pdf

