

GOVERNOR EVERS' 2019-2021 BUDGET



Department of Health Services 2019-2021 Budget

Governor Evers' first biennial budget makes critical investments in the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites. Below are highlights of DHS' 2019-2021 budget. For more details about the budget, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget.

Investing in quality care for Wisconsin residents

- \$91 million for **Personal care services**
- \$67 million for **Direct caregivers in Family Care**
- \$2.5 million for **dental services for individuals with disabilities**
- Expands the **dementia care specialist program**
- \$74 million for **Nursing homes**
- \$9.9 million for the **Rural Critical Care Hospital Supplement**
- Increases funding for the **Wisconsin Well Woman Program**
- \$2 million for the **Oral Health Program**

Investing in behavioral health services

- Increases funding for certain practitioners that provide **mental health, behavioral health and psychiatric services**
- \$13.3 million in **Medicaid Crisis Intervention services**
- Ongoing funding for **peer-run respite center for veterans**
- Create a **Hub-and-Spoke Model** to provide care coordination

Investing in Wisconsin's children

- \$89.6 million for the **Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program**
- Ongoing funding for **youth crisis stabilization facility**
- Over \$14.2 million in lead testing and abatement to address the issue of **childhood lead poisoning**

We still have work to do

While Medicaid expansion was not included in the final budget, expanding coverage and saving state dollars remain a top priority. Because we did not expand Medicaid this year, Wisconsin will lose out on \$1.6 billion in new federal funding for high-quality health care coverage for 82,000 residents, and will spend an additional \$324.5 million dollars in state tax dollars. DHS will continue building awareness about the benefits of expanding health care coverage and working toward better health and well-being for all Wisconsinites.