

EXECUTIVE ORDER #4

Relating to the Preservation of Insurance Protections

WHEREAS, improving the health and wellbeing of Wisconsin citizens is of the utmost importance to my administration;

WHEREAS, more than 850,000 Wisconsinites live with pre-existing health conditions;

WHEREAS, those with pre-existing conditions should not be excluded from attaining affordable health insurance coverage and access to health services;

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides protections for those with pre-existing conditions by prohibiting healthcare insurers from denying coverage to such individuals;

WHEREAS, the future of these insurance coverage protections is uncertain due, in part, to litigation supported by the prior administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby direct the Office of Commissioner on Insurance, the Department of Health Services, and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to implement action plans and, where appropriate, provide recommendations to the Governor on how to:

1. Protect consumers with preexisting conditions;
2. Enhance health plan affordability, access, and consumer protection;
3. Protect against attempts to undermine the Affordable Care Act marketplace with short term plans that do not comply with Affordable Care Act requirements;
4. Create curriculum around insurance literacy for students; and
5. Require insurers to provide clarity and transparency on health plan costs, coverage, and benefits.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 8th Day of January in the year of two thousand nineteen.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State