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TOWN HALL PARTICIPANTS IN GREEN BAY VOICE SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION
ATTENDEES BACK GOVERNOR EVERS' HEALTH CARE BUDGET

MADISON – Last night, Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh), along with Democratic colleagues from the State Assembly and State Senate hosted a town hall on Medicaid expansion. Attendees heard about the benefits of accepting these federal funds. This town hall is one in a series on Medicaid expansion across the state.

"The support we heard at the town hall last night confirms what the [Marquette Poll told us last week](): Wisconsinites overwhelmingly want their state government to accept the Medicaid expansion." Rep. Hintz stated. **"Expanding Medicaid would give more people access to affordable care, improve our economy, and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. This is a no-brainer."**

If Wisconsin were to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, Wisconsin would:

- Provide more affordable, quality healthcare coverage to 82,000 people in Wisconsin.
- Save taxpayers $324 million over the biennium.
- Leverage $1.6 billion of our federal tax dollars to make investments in our health care system.
- The Evers' Budget would also help the state further invest in tackling the opioid epidemic, address health care workforce shortages, improve dental access, increase health care provider reimbursements, increase funding to long-term care programs, and provide coverage for health care services and benefits.

"If Republicans in the legislature took the time to listen to the people of Wisconsin, they would understand that health care is a top priority. Wisconsin Democrats will continue to spread the word about Medicaid expansion and the positive impact it will have on our state. It is time to stop playing politics with people's health. Republicans are welcome at any of these events to hear the facts about Medicaid expansion." Rep. Hintz concluded.

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