



Support Medicaid Expansion Because: #1. All Kids Deserve a Healthy Start

Wisconsin Health Centers have first-hand experience addressing the needs of underserved Wisconsinites struggling to balance the high cost of housing, food, childcare, transportation and health care.

Health Centers provide comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 314,000 people in communities across the state who otherwise would not receive it.

WI Family of 4
138% of FPL



\$1,025
per paycheck

Expanding eligibility for BadgerCare, Wisconsin's Medicaid program, to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level would extend care to 82,000 Wisconsinites.

They include parents and care givers, single parents, child care workers, home health workers, and many other individuals who find insurance unaffordable.

BadgerCare expansion allows Wisconsin to continue its long track record of doing the right thing; enabling people to take control of their futures and be healthy enough to work, contribute to their community, and live a productive life.

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- Children continue to lack access to basic dental services in Wisconsin, and access to dental care by children enrolled in BadgerCare ranks 45th in the nation.¹
- Wisconsin ranks 42nd in the nation for youth with a major depressive episode who did not receive mental health services.²
- Wisconsin's infant mortality rate for black infants is the highest in the nation at 14.28 per 1,000 live births.³



40%
of Health
Center
Patients are
Children
(<18)

Medicaid Expansion Would:

- Make health insurance more affordable and cover more parents. Research shows that covering more parents helps kids get covered and receive the necessary preventive and developmentally appropriate services to help them thrive.⁴
- Bring in federal dollars to help support programs that increase children's access to oral and behavioral health care and combat infant mortality.

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¹ CMS, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment Data, 2017

² Mental Health America-Youth Data, 2018

³ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics Report, 2018

⁴ Hudson, JL and Moriya, AS. "Medicaid Expansion for Adults has Measurable 'Welcome Mat' Effects on their Children." Health Affairs, September 2017.