

KELDA ROYS

for GOVERNOR

Again Fact Sheet

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Kelda's second television ad was released August 1, 2018. The ad is entitled "Again" and can be [viewed here](#).

In the state legislature, as a member of the State Assembly and Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform, Kelda worked hard to expand BadgerCare Plus eligibility to over 80,000 Wisconsinites. Building off the popular and effective program adopted in the previous legislative session, Kelda supported the creation of BadgerCare Plus Core and Basic plans. These programs were designed to expand healthcare access to childless adults. Additionally, she supported law changes that required certain health insurance companies and policies to cover people with pre-existing conditions after 12 months as well as allowing adult children to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 27.

Again Transcript:

Kelda Roys: "We have a long way to go on healthcare. We do. Wisconsin was a leader at one time in expanding access to healthcare and we can be again. I'm Kelda Roys. When I was in the legislature, we strengthened BadgerCare, and at the end of that long process, about 80,000 more Wisconsinites had access to great healthcare. We need to make sure that healthcare is universally available and that everyone can buy into a great plan like BadgerCare at an affordable cost. And the good news is we have that within our grasp. We can do that."

Statements:

1. "Wisconsin was a leader at one time in expanding access to healthcare..."

Wisconsin was a healthcare leader with the creation of the BadgerCare program. In the 2007 and 2009 legislative session, building on the program's success, it was expanded to include low-income childless adults.

Additionally, in that same session, Kelda voted for legislation (2009-11 budget) that required certain kinds of health insurance policies and employers to cover people with pre-existing conditions after 12 months and allowed adult children to stay on their parents' insurance until age 27.

As governor, Scott Walker refused to take the full Medicaid Expansion, depriving providers, local governments, and taxpayers of crucial funding to pay for and expand health insurance coverage. In addition, a segment of individuals previously covered by BadgerCare were pushed off into the ACA Marketplace with limited support.^{1,2} Today, Walker is part of a minority of governors that have rejected the full Medicaid expansion.³

In his first year as governor, Scott Walker sought to cap enrollment in the popular and effective FamilyCare program. Rejected by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, Walker and the state DHS were compelled to lift the cap immediately.⁴

2. “When I was in the legislature, we strengthened BadgerCare, and at the end of that long process, about 80,000 more Wisconsinites had access to great healthcare.”

In her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform, Kelda helped write and pass BadgerCare Plus Core. Core was designed to offer access to health care coverage for the estimated 87,000 low-income childless adults.⁵ Effective summer of 2009, the popularity of Core exceeded expectations. In the fall of that same year, enrollment was capped and soon after a new program BadgerCare Plus Basic was established to provide health care coverage to those on the waiting list (2009 SB 484).

Additionally, Kelda Roys voted to pass the Wisconsin State Budget (2009 AB 75), which contained the following two provisions:

- Compelled certain kinds of health insurance policies and employers to cover people with pre-existing conditions after 12 months, and
- Required certain kinds of policies and employers to allow dependents to stay on their parent(s) insurance until age 27.

For more information:

Visit keldaforgovernor.com/healthcare to learn more about Kelda’s plans to lower costs and expand access to health insurance as governor of Wisconsin. To learn more about Kelda’s plans to lower the skyrocketing costs of prescription medication, visit keldaforgovernor.com/lowering-prescription-drug-prices.

Sources

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