

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kathy Schulz
INITIATED BY



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County Board Staff Committee &
Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY

December 17, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

**ENDORISING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MEDICAID EXPANSION FUNDS AND PLACING
HEALTHCARE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE SPRING 2021 COUNTY BALLOT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Rock County hold the following beliefs: all people deserve the
2 opportunity to live in a state that creates the conditions to live a healthy life; policy should strive toward the
3 elimination of health disparities; and it is essential to provide healthcare to the state’s most vulnerable
4 populations; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the need for health care coverage; and as of May
7 2020, there were 175,893 non-disabled adults without minor children who had coverage under Wisconsin
8 Medicaid. This was an increase of nearly 23,000 from March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began,
9 highlighting the importance of Medicaid in covering people who lost their health coverage and their
10 incomes amid the pandemic; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) established a program of Medicaid expansion whereby in
13 exchange for increased federal matching funds, states could elect to expand the number of individuals covered
14 under state administered Medicaid programs but, historically the State of Wisconsin has refused the Medicaid
15 expansion funds created by the ACA; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, estimates from 2019 indicate that the State of Wisconsin would save \$324.5 million if the state
18 would accept federal Medicaid expansion funds which could be reinvested into critical health care
19 programming; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, if the state were to expand Medicaid to cover adults earning up to 138 percent of the poverty
22 level, the federal government would pay 90 percent of the cost of covering able-bodied, childless adults; by
23 opting not to accept federal funding for Wisconsin Medicaid expansion under the ACA, the state is only
24 receiving its regular federal match rate of 58.5 percent (Note: federal matching rate has been temporarily
25 increased by federal legislation, in order to address the COVID-19 pandemic); and,
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27 **WHEREAS**, a 2020 analysis by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation estimates that 120,000 people in the
28 state would gain access to Medicaid; direct costs for Medicaid would drop by nearly 7 percent, despite the
29 fact that more people would be covered; and the state’s uninsured rate would drop by 16 percent; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is one of only 12 states that have not accepted Medicaid expansion per the Kaiser
32 Family Foundation website; and,
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34 **WHEREAS**, 19 counties, including Rock County, have passed resolutions urging Wisconsin to accept
35 Medicaid expansion funds, a position that has been adopted by the Wisconsin Counties Association; and,
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37 **WHEREAS**, the voters of Rock County should be able to provide an advisory opinion to support or oppose
38 the acceptance of these Federal Medicaid funds.
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
41 14th day of Jan., 2021 does hereby support and endorse the acceptance of Medicaid Expansion funds by
42 the State and urges the legislature to accept such funds as a part of the 2021-2023 biennium budget.
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors does hereby direct the Rock
45 County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to
46 be held on April 6, 2021:

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47 “Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked
48 to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the
49 state saving \$324.5 million?”
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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
52 resolution to the Office of the Governor, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, and the
53 Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

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Kara Purviance, Chair

/s/Richard Bostwick
Richard Bostwick, Vice Chair

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Tom Brien

/s/Kevin Leavy
Kevin Leavy

dissent
Louis Peer

dissent
J. Russell Podzilni

dissent
Alan Sweeney

dissent
Bob Yeomans

dissent
Mary Beaver

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 59.52(25), Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

The cost of adding a referendum question to the April ballot is estimated to be \$500 to \$1,000 for publication of two Notices of Referendum.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.

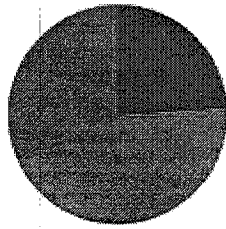
/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

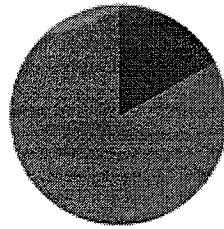
MEDICAID IN WISCONSIN

October 2019

5.6 million
total WI population



24%
of WI population is low-income (<200% FPL)



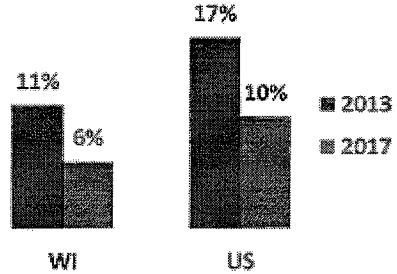
17%
of WI population is covered by Medicaid/CHIP

WI Expansion Status:
Not Adopted

Adults in Coverage Gap:
0



Uninsured Rates



In WI, Medicaid Covers:



1 in 8 adults, ages 19-64



1 in 3 children



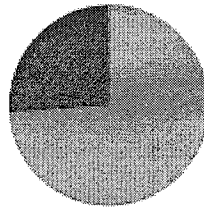
5 in 9 nursing home residents



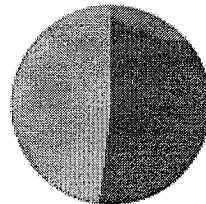
1 in 3 individuals with disabilities



1 in 7 Medicare beneficiaries



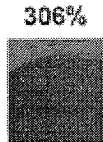
74%
of adult Medicaid enrollees are working in WI



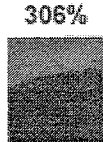
48%
of children with special health care needs are covered by Medicaid in WI

100% of FPL: \$21,330 for a family of three; \$12,490 for an individual

WI Eligibility Levels (as a % of FPL)



Children



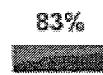
Pregnant Women



Parents



Childless Adults



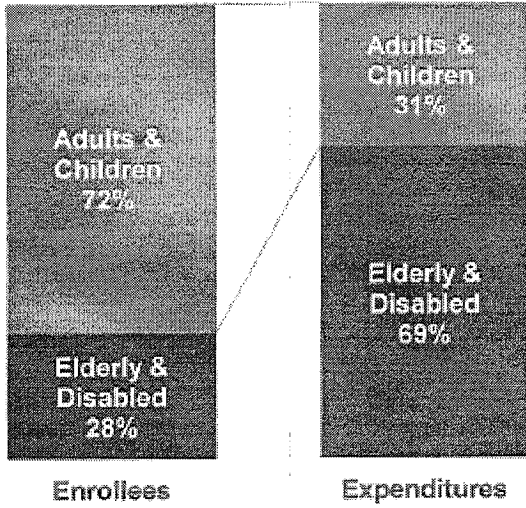
Seniors & People w/ Disabilities

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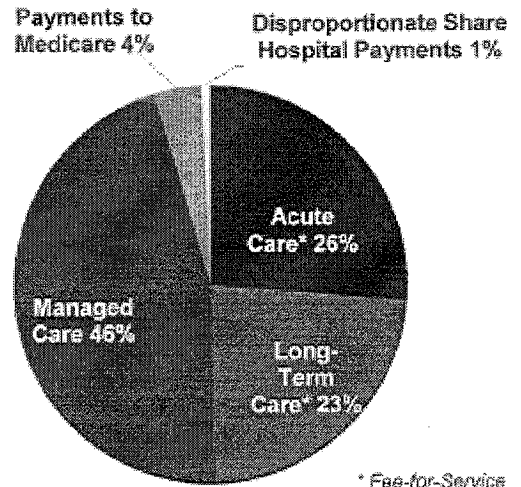
Funding has been provided for trusted information on national health issues. The Kaiser Family Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, California.

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WI Medicaid Enrollees & Expenditures



Total WI Medicaid Spending by Service: \$8.8 Billion



* Fee-for-Service

Nationally Medicaid Pays For:

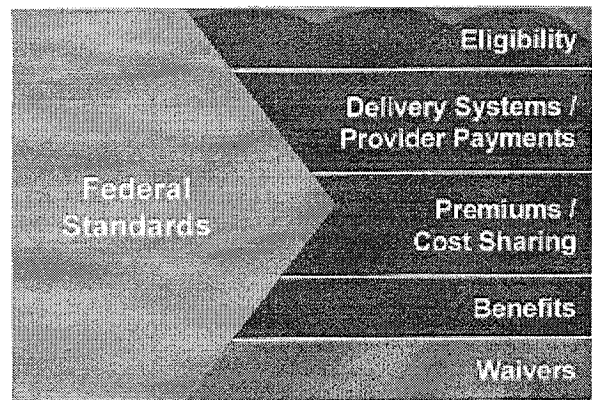
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1 in 6 dollars in the health care system

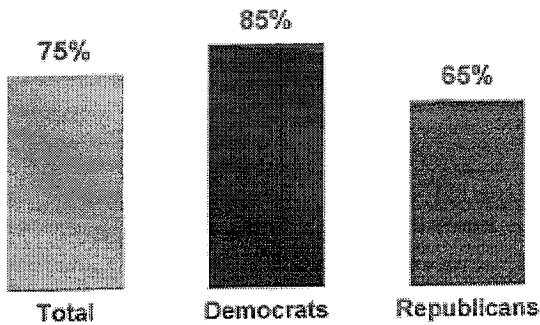
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1 in 2 dollars on long-term services and supports

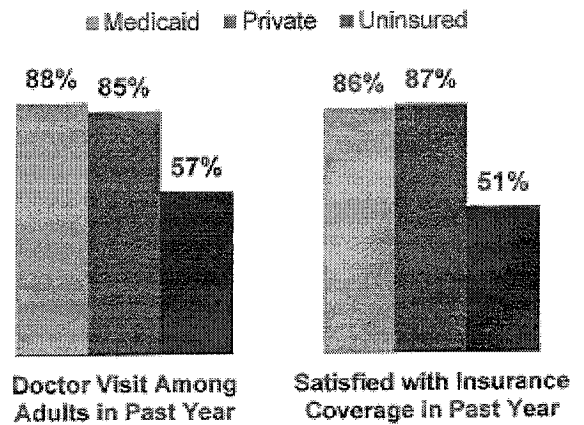
States Have Flexibility in Their Medicaid Design



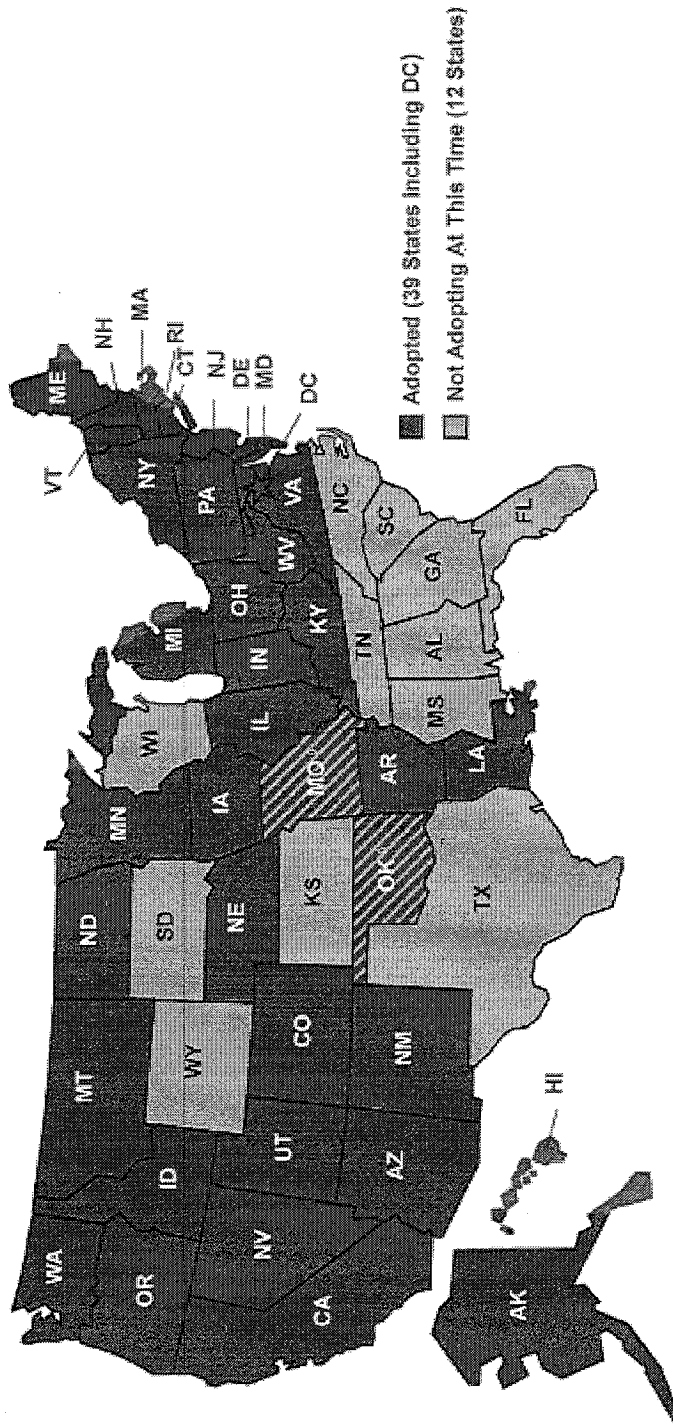
National Share of Those that Hold Favorable Views of Medicaid



National Access & Satisfaction Measures



Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions



NOTES: Current status for each state is based on KFF tracking and analysis of state activity. Expansion is adopted but not yet implemented in MO and OK. (See link below for additional state-specific notes).

SOURCE: "Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision," KFF State Health Facts, updated November 2, 2020. <https://www.kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-activity-around-expanding-medicare-under-the-affordable-care-act/>

