



# Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget *Governor's Health Equity Council*

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# Agenda

- Telling the Story of Health Equity: Discussion of Key Budget Provisions in Governor Evers' Proposed 2021-23 Budget
- Questions and Next Steps

# Budget Materials

- DHS Budget Website:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/index.htm>
- DHS Budget Fact Sheets:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/resources.htm>

## People First: Governor Evers' Proposed Budget

Wisconsin faces unprecedented challenges. Governor Evers' proposed 2021-2023 budget puts people first by increasing and improving access to health care, expanding behavioral health services, protecting our neighbors most in need, and ensuring our public health system is robust and responsive. Now is a time for bold action, and instead of retracing our steps to go back to the way things were, we will bounce back a safer, healthier, and more equitable state. Together, we commit to putting people first to meet our challenges moving forward.

Governor Evers' proposed budget puts the people of Wisconsin first.



### Invest in Coverage and Communities >

Many individuals and families cannot afford health insurance in our state. This is a critical need for too many people in Wisconsin, and the situation is especially urgent for Wisconsin's communities of color. We must take action. Governor Evers' budget invests in access to affordable health care and commits to policies and funding designed to break down structural inequities and improve health outcomes.



### Invest in Behavioral Health >

To ensure the right supports are available at the right time for all Wisconsin residents, we are building an integrated behavioral health system that provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services to individuals across their life span in their communities. Governor Evers' budget invests in behavioral health and substance use disorder services because these services are essential to overall wellness.



### Invest in Public Health and Long-Term Care >

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of community preparedness and high quality care for Wisconsin residents of all ages. To rebuild together, Governor Evers' budget invests in our public health and long-term care systems, ensuring every Wisconsinite can live their best life.



# Improving Health Care Access and Affordability

# Medicaid Expansion & Badger Coverage Plan

- **Expansion**
  - State GPR Savings - \$634 million
  - Expands coverage to approximately 90,000 Wisconsinites, ~50,000 uninsured

# Funding for Community Providers

## **FQHCs and Hospitals**

- Community Health Centers and Free and Charitable Clinics - \$8 million

## **Dental Access**

- Critical Access Payments for Medicaid Providers- \$35.9 million

# Advancing Health Equity

# Healthy Women, Healthy Babies

- Women's Health Block Grant Funding
  - Restoration of Funding - \$400,000
  - Elimination of restrictions on grant recipients
- Extend post-partum coverage for pregnant women in Medicaid - \$21 million
- Coverage for doula services- \$1 million



# Community Health

- Tribal Shared Savings- \$5.5 million
- Community Health Workers - \$29.3 million
  - Grant funding - \$15 million
  - Medicaid coverage - \$14.3 million

# Community Health

- Minority Health Grants - \$8 million
  - \$3.5 million for organizations that improve Black women's health in Milwaukee, Dane, Rock, and Kenosha Counties.
- Health Equity Grants-\$15 million
- Community Health Benefit - \$25.5 million

# Protecting Kids

- Childhood lead poisoning prevention
  - Ongoing funding for Lead Safe Homes Program
  - Windows Plus Program - \$2 million
  - Birth to 3 Eligibility expansion - \$9.9 million
- Eliminate Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) waitlist

# Next Steps/Discussion