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STATE NEWS

Health Care Reform Implementation in Wisconsin

End of ACA Open Enrollment Period – 207,349 WI Residents Select Health Plans

CMS reports that, as of the Feb 15th open enrollment deadline, 207,349 Wisconsin residents have selected health plans through the ACA marketplace – a substantial increase over last year's enrollment of about 140,000. Of the 207,349, 44% are new enrollees, while 56% are renewals from 2014. Of those actively renewing (rather than auto-renewals), 60% switched their health plans. About 90% of Wisconsin residents selecting ACA plans received financial assistance to lower premiums.

Wisconsin Receives Federal "SIM" Award to Develop State Health Care Innovation Plan

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has received a [\\$2.5 million State Innovation Models \(SIM\) award](#) from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center to

develop a comprehensive State Health Care Innovation Plan. The award will allow DHS and its partners to enhance and accelerate multi-stakeholder, collaborative statewide quality improvement and payment reform efforts, in partnership with the Statewide Value Committee (SVC), which is comprised of leaders from more than 30 organizations representing both private and public sector health care and employer organizations.

[Health Reform's Increase in Insureds Saves Aspirus Wausau Hospital nearly \\$3.2 Million in 2014](#)

The Wausau Daily Herald reports that increases in coverage has resulted nearly \$3.2 million in savings to Aspirus in 2014. This is in line with a recent federal report which projected a [\\$5.7 billion savings](#) for hospitals in 2014 due to reduction in uncompensated care costs. Other hospitals in the Wausau area aren't seeing the same savings, however. Ministry Health Care reports much of its savings largely negated by the influx of new Medicaid patients, for whom hospitals receive lower reimbursement rates.

[Bloomberg Politics: "Why Scott Walker Should Hope the Supreme Court Leaves Obamacare In Place"](#)

Bloomberg Politics/Business Week reports that Governor Walker, as a presidential candidate, has a substantial investment in the continuation of the ACA subsidies. The report notes that about 185,000 Wisconsin residents may lose their insurance if the SCOTUS rules against the subsidies in states that rely on the federal exchange, as does Wisconsin. But, the report explains, Governor Walker built his Medicaid reform plan on the existence of ACA subsidized coverage. The [National Journal also pursued this story](#), asserting "No Republican presidential aspirant has a stake in the Supreme Court case...quite like Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker."

[Poll: WI Should Prevent Loss of ACA Subsidies, Accept Medicaid Expansion Funding](#)

A poll conducted by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic leaning firm, reports that 53% of respondents think Governor Walker should take steps to prevent state residents from losing insurance coverage in the event that the Supreme Court rules against the provision of ACA subsidies through the federal exchange. As well, 58% of respondents say that Wisconsin state government should accept federal funding to expand Medicaid coverage. Among respondents, 50% reported having voted for President Obama, 44% for Romney, and 5% for Someone else/Don't Remember.

[Supreme Court Case: Subsidies At Risk for 316K Wisconsin Residents in 2016](#)

A [recent analysis](#) by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 316,719 people in Wisconsin could stand to lose subsidies as a result of a ruling against ACA subsidies by the Supreme Court in the King v. Burwell case. The plaintiffs in this case assert that the ACA does not permit subsidies for health insurance premiums in states where the federal government runs the exchanges. Wisconsin Hospital Association president Eric Borgerding [expressed concerns](#): "It would create an urgent situation for Wisconsin," Borgerding points out, and the state "Could face a real crisis of people becoming uninsured."

[What Happens to WI Premiums without ACA Subsidies?](#)

HealthPocket reports that Wisconsin has among the most expensive average premium for bronze plan before federal subsidy. [Federal CMS reports](#) that the premium tax credit reduces consumer payments for Wisconsin ACA plans by 71%. [Avalere Health](#) reports that Wisconsin premiums will increase 70-74%.

Medicaid/BadgerCare

[Wisconsin DHS Extends BadgerCare Plus Renewal Dates for Childless Adults](#)

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has extended renewal dates to April or May 2015 for childless adults who received BadgerCare coverage last year as a result of the change in eligibility under state's new Medicaid waiver. This extension will serve allow timely and orderly processing of the anticipated renewal "bubble" for the tens thousands of childless adults that enrolled upon becoming newly eligible for coverage in April 2014 that need to undergo annual renewal. As of the end of February, [155,934 childless adults had enrolled in coverage](#), an increase of over 100,000 from the 13,923 enrolled in March 2014 prior to the new eligibility policy.

[Wisconsin Medicaid Enrollment increases 5% 2013-2014](#)

Federal CMS reports that Wisconsin's enrollment in Medicaid/CHIP increased 5.01% in the time frame of July-Sept 2013 to December 2014, compared to an overall increase of 7.34% among states that did not participate in the ACA's Medicaid expansion. States that did participate in the ACA's Medicaid expansion show an enrollment increase of 24.71% in that time period.

[Fiscal Bureau Estimates Savings from Potential WI Medicaid Expansion \\$241-345 Million](#)

Rep. Daniel Riemer (D-Milwaukee) and Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) have proposed a bill as a compromise to full Medicaid expansion, which the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates could save the state [\\$241 million](#) over two years. The bill would accept federal funding for Medicaid expansion, but would keep childless adults with incomes between 100-138% of the federal poverty level in the federal marketplace. The expansion dollars would be used to provide premium subsidies to facilitate the purchase of coverage plans. The savings would be short of the [\\$345 million](#) projected by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau for full Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin.

[Gov. Walker Reaffirms Opposition to Medicaid Expansion](#)

Following Indiana Governor Mike Pence's decision to accept nearly \$215 million in federal funding for state expansion of Medicaid, Governor Walker reaffirmed his decision to reject funding. Walker's plan covers residents, including childless adults, up to 100% FPL with Medicaid, and shifted previously covered parents/caretaker and some childless adults earning between 100-200% FPL of the federal poverty level to the federal ACA marketplace. Indiana's decision means that Wisconsin is now the only state in the Great Lakes region to have rejected federal money to expand Medicaid up to 138% FPL for all residents.

[Gov. Walker to Request Permission to Drug Test, Enact Premiums for BadgerCare Recipients](#)

Governor Scott Walker plans to request waivers from the federal government to require drug testing for all childless adults on BadgerCare. Walker [explains](#) that this proposal will address barriers that keep people from transitioning away from governmental dependence, while providing those who fail testing with free treatment and job training. As of February 2015, [at least twelve states](#) have passed legislation requiring drug testing or screening for recipients of public assistance. But federal rules prohibiting such testing have stalled the implementation of most programs. U.S. HHS prepared an [issue brief reviewing evidence related to such proposals](#). Also, a *New York Times* [article reviews the legal challenges](#) to the policy in various states.

[Budget Seeks \\$15 Million from SeniorCare Savings](#)

Governor Walker's biennial budget proposal would require seniors enrolled in the SeniorCare prescription drug program to apply for and enroll in Medicare Part D if found eligible. SeniorCare, which enrolls 85,000 Wisconsin residents over 65, would then supplement prescription medications not covered through Medicare Part D. The proposal is projected to save \$15 million over the next biennium, though it has faced [sharp criticism](#) from advocates over concerns that it will increase prescription drug fees for seniors and be more complex to navigate. [Madison's WKOW 27 News reports that Assembly Speaker Vos](#), while open to the SeniorCare Changes, wants the currently enrolled SeniorCare members to keep the benefits they now have.

[Disproportionate Share Payments for Hospitals to Continue under New Budget](#)

Governor Walker's biennial budget will reauthorize a Disproportionate Share Hospital program for the next two years, providing \$30 million to hospitals that serve a percentage of Medicaid patients. Wisconsin Hospital Association [lauded the decision](#), citing "Wisconsin's historically inadequate hospital and physician Medicaid reimbursement." This fund was originally a [one-time temporary bridge](#) in the previous biennium as BadgerCare members transition to other coverage. Some [question whether these payments are a well-targeted use](#) of Medicaid funding.

[Temporary Medicaid Incentive for Primary Care Services Ends, Despite Calls to Continue](#)

The two-year Medicaid Primary Care Incentive Payment, provisioned by the Affordable Care Act, ended December 31, 2014. The incentive was intended to encourage physicians and other providers to accept Medicaid patients, boosting reimbursement rates to more closely approximate Medicare rates. The Urban Institute reports that Wisconsin physicians receive [54 cents on the dollar](#) without incentives for providing care for Medicaid patients. Based on findings from the study, eligible physicians in Wisconsin are expected to see Medicaid fee decreases by up to 46% as a result of the program lapse.

Workforce/Health Professionals/Training & Education

[WI Dental Association Seeks to Regulate Non-Dentist Owners of Dental Practices](#)

The Wisconsin Dental Association is working on legislation to have non-dentist practice owners comply with the Dental Practice Act in the same manner as dentist owners are required to do. WDA is working with interested state legislators to draft legislation that would require all non-dentist owners of dental practices to register with the state Dentistry Examining Board and to comply with the laws that govern the practice of dentistry, including advertising, billing and access to patient records.

[WMS Names New Chief Medical Officer](#)

The Wisconsin Medical Society has appointed Donn Dexter, MD, as its new CMO. Dr. Dexter is a board-certified neurologist specializing in sleep medicine, and most recently served as Vice CMO for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire. Dexter currently serves on the Society's Board of Directors, and received the Society's Physician Citizen of the Year Award in 2011 in acknowledgement of his involvement in improving advance care planning through Honoring Choices Wisconsin. Dexter replaces Dr. Tim Bartholow, who joined WEA Trust in 2014 as its Chief Medical Officer.

[Thompson to Step Down as CEO of Gundersen Health System](#)

Dr. Jeff Thompson of Gundersen Health System announced that he will step down as CEO as soon as a replacement can be found. Thompson has been CEO at Gundersen since 2001, and has directed

Gundersen through significant periods of growth and development during his tenure. Gundersen Health System is now La Crosse's largest employer, with 6,300 employees across 50 clinic locations in 19 counties.

[Nine Wisconsin Health Professionals named to National List](#)

The Wellness Council of America (WELCOA) released its Top 100 Health Promotion Professionals list, which included [9 Wisconsin health professionals](#). The candidates were judged based on multiple metrics, which included work creating, coordinating, and maintaining health promotion programs; and implementing innovative solutions for health improvement and culture change. WELCOA is a non-profit organization founded in 1985 by the Wisconsin business committee, and works with employers to design wellness programs to promote employee health.

Funding Awards:

Many academic institutions and research partners received funding to further education and research on health topics. Links below provide information on the award:

- [MCW Awarded \\$1 million by Wisconsin DHS to Pilot a Child Psychiatry Consultation Program in 15 Northern Wisconsin Counties](#)
- [Marshfield Clinic Receives \\$620,000 Grant from CDC to Increase HPV Vaccination Rates](#)
- [Marquette's College of Health Sciences receives \\$5 Million Gift to fund Mental Health Research](#)

Public Health

[Study: E-Cigarette Use in Wisconsin High School Students is 75% Higher than National Average](#)

A recent [survey](#) by the UW-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research found that, while teen smoking rates in Wisconsin are at record lows, e-cigarette use by Wisconsin high school students is 75% higher than the national average. In response, local school districts are taking measures in attempt to curb the epidemic. These include the La Crosse School district, which [recently updated its tobacco-free policy](#) to include the use of e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

[Heroin Deaths in Milwaukee County increase 72% between 2013-14](#)

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that heroin-related deaths in Milwaukee County increased by 72% last year compared with 2013. In 2014, 119 people died from heroin-related overdoses, and for the second year in a row in Milwaukee County, heroin-related deaths outpaced motor vehicle deaths, of which 74 occurred. Heroin-related deaths also account for nearly half the 249 drug-related deaths investigated by the medical examiner's office. This is the highest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded by the agency.

[Capitol Briefing on Opioid Abuse Moderated by Rep. Nygren](#)

The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, under its [Evidence-Based Health Policy Project](#), conducted a briefing at the Wisconsin State Capitol on opioid abuse in Wisconsin. Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) moderated the program, with presentations from the Pain and Policy Studies Group at UW Madison on the use and misuse of opioids and public policy responses. Additional topics included: best practices in Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) and the prescription drug Naloxone in preventing opioid overdoses. Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel spoke as well, highlighting the role of the DOJ in combating opioid abuse.

[Rep. Kind Prompts Investigation into Tomah VA after Report of Opioid Over-prescription](#)

US Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) has requested a formal investigation into the Tomah VA in response to a [recent report](#) by the Center for Investigative Reporting that opioid prescription rates at the center have quintupled over the past decade despite declining patient numbers. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has launched an investigation in to the center in response to the allegations.

[Wisconsin 2013 Death Rate Higher than 2012 Rate](#)

The rate of deaths in Wisconsin in 2013, reported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, was 8.7 per 1,000 population, higher than the 2012 rate of 8.4 per 1,000. The number of infant deaths increased in that time frame from 385 to 414. Maternal deaths also increased. Heart disease and cancer remain the two leading causes of death.

[Report Finds Higher Suicide Rates in Wisconsin Children Compared to Peer States](#)

A [report](#) by the newly formed Office of Children's Mental Health finds WI youths have a higher suicide rate, more psychiatric hospitalizations, and less access to mental health care in schools than children in other states. Wisconsin's youth suicide rate in 2011 was 40% higher than the national average, making suicide the second leading cause of death for Wisconsin youths aged 5-17 behind accidents. Wisconsin's rate of psychiatric hospitalizations for children and youth is the highest of all Midwest states, at 4.5 times the national average.

[Report Finds One Wisconsin Resident Killed by Gun Every Three Days](#)

A [tally](#) by Wisconsin Public Radio found that 111 people in the state were victims of gun violence in 2014. [Analysis](#) of the data by the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism shows that two-thirds of the state's gun homicides occurred in Milwaukee County. Of note, African Americans were more than 30 times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to die in gun violence, accounting for two-thirds of the victims. Over the past five years, Wisconsin's overall gun homicide rate is half the national average, but its racial disparity rate is twice the national rate. Wisconsin has averaged about 106 gun homicide deaths annually from 2008-2012, with a high of 132 in 2012.

[Wisconsin Receives Mixed Grades in Annual Tobacco Control Report](#)

The American Lung Association released its annual State of Tobacco Control [report](#), which assigned failing grades to Wisconsin in two of the four categories: Tobacco Prevention, and Access to Cessation Services. The state received an A and B in the Smokefree Air and Tobacco Taxes categories, respectively. According to the report, tobacco use is still the number one cause of preventable death and disease in the United States, and is responsible for over 7,200 deaths in Wisconsin annually. The report estimates the economic cost of smoking in Wisconsin to be more than \$3.6 billion.

[Wisconsin Health Professionals Team Up to Improve Dental Health among Children](#)

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP) and the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) [announced a partnership](#) to reduce tooth decay among Wisconsin's children. The collaboration between Wisconsin pediatricians and dentists will provide support and education for pediatricians to monitor and treat oral health in children at a much younger age, beginning at age 1. The collaboration will also emphasize the establishment of a dental home as well as a medical home for children as young as 12 months. A 2013 statewide survey conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services found that [tooth decay remains a significant problem](#) for Wisconsin's children.

[Study Finds Most Americans Have Access to Exercise Opportunities](#)

A [study](#) conducted by the UW Population Health Institute found that more than 75% of Americans live near at least one park or recreational facility, however prominent geographic disparities exist that limit exercise opportunities in some regions. The study, published in the January issue of Preventing Chronic Disease, looked at county-level data to map out the distance from recreational facilities or parks. In general, those living in the south were found to have much less access to exercise opportunities than those living in the northeast; these findings are correlated to higher levels of premature death, obesity, and poor quality of life.

Clinics, Hospitals, and Health Plans

[WHA Releases 2014 Quality Report; Highlights Cost-Savings and Improvements to Care](#)

The Wisconsin Hospital Association released its 2014 Quality Report, which estimates that quality improvement procedures in Wisconsin hospitals saved more than \$87 million over the past three years while providing improved care to over 9,300 patients. According to the [report](#), the nearly 100 hospitals surveyed saw a 71% reduction in central-line associated blood stream infections and a 20% reduction in catheter-associated urinary tract infections, two important measures of preventable hospital-acquired infections. WHA Chief Quality Officer Kelly Court extolled the improvements, [stating](#) that, “Wisconsin hospitals are demonstrating measurable and sustained progress toward improving care.”

[Four WI Hospitals Top-Ranked for Safety, Patient Experience](#)

Four Wisconsin hospitals are ranked among top 32 nationally by Consumer Report for safety, patient experience. These include Aurora Medical Center in Summit and in Oshkosh, Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, and Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital and Clinics.

[Medical College Settles in Civil Suit over Improper Billing](#)

The Medical College of Wisconsin paid the federal government \$840,000 to settle a civil suit filed against the organization for alleged improper billing practices. The complaint alleged that false claims were submitted to Medicare and Tricare programs over a seven year period, where teaching physicians' services were billed even though they did not fully supervise the procedure. In a statement, a spokesperson for the college stated that the focus of the investigation was on compliance with Medicare regulations, and patient safety was never an issue.

[Cost of Medical Procedures in Milwaukee, Madison Among Most Costly in Nation](#)

A recent [report](#) filed by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found significant geographic variation in private sector spending across major metropolitan areas, with Milwaukee and Madison consistently ranked among the most costly cities. The study reviewed claims data from 2009 and 2010 for three common procedures. A [detailed analysis](#) of the report is provided by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

[Mayo Clinic Chooses Epic Systems Corp. as New Provider](#)

Epic Systems has reached an agreement with the Mayo Clinic to replace Mayo's three current Electronic Health Records with the medical software giant's integrated system by 2017. In a press statement, Mayo's Chief Medical Information Officer championed the decision to move to one common system, stating that the transition will, “Accelerate innovation, enhance services and provide a better experience for our patients.”

[WI Hospitals Provide Less Charity Care as a % of Revenue than National Rates](#)

A report released by a three university consortium called the Flex Monitoring Team reports the community benefit activities of critical access hospitals (CAHs), rural and urban hospitals for each state and nationally, and compares the rates to national averages. The figures are based on hospital's self-reported figures submitted to the IRS. Wisconsin hospitals report uncompensated care (charity care and bad debt) costs, as a percentages of adjusted revenue, of about 2.8%, compared to a range of 5.6-6.6% nationally. Unreimbursed costs for Medicaid/CHIP in Wisconsin is reported at 2.6-2.9%, compared to 3.4-3.8% nationally. Other state reports are [available here](#).

[New WHA CEO to Address Medicaid Reimbursement for Hospitals](#)

Eric Borgerding became the new president and CEO of the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) on January 1, 2015, bringing nearly 25 years of experience in government relations and advocacy, including more than ten years with WHA. In interviews with the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) and [Wisconsin Health News](#), Borgerding outlined his legislative goals for the coming years, singling out hospital Medicaid reimbursement as a top priority.

[Mayor Barrett, Froedtert Open Milwaukee's First Workplace Clinic](#)

Milwaukee Mayor Barrett and representatives from Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate opening of the city's first workplace clinic. Located in the Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building downtown, the clinic will provide care to Milwaukee city employees and their spouses.

Hospital Mergers, Partnerships, and Expansions

Health systems across the state are merging, expanding, consolidating and partnering in new ways. This list provides an overview of recent merger and partnership announcements:

- [Allina Health and Health Catalyst combine technologies and personnel to improve health outcomes](#)
- [Gundersen, Unity Health plans exploring partnership to share resources](#)
- [SSM Health Joins Integrated Health Network of Wisconsin](#)

RESEARCH AND PROGRAM TOOLS

- Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and Health Care Reform: [healthcare.gov](#)
 - [Spanish Language Marketplace](#)
 - [Marketplace Enrollment Data](#)
 - HHS [Partner Official Resources](#)
- [MACPAC Report to Congress, 2015](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Technical Assistance Resources](#)
- New and Updated Resources from the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)
- New and Updated Resources from the [Commonwealth Fund](#)
 - [Health Reform Resource Center](#)
- [Enroll America](#) Resources
- New and Updated Resources from [HRSA](#)
- New and Updated Resources from [AHRQ](#)
- [State Refor\(u\)m](#)

- Value Penguin Map: [Changes to the Obamacare Exchanges 2015 v. 2014](#)
- Avalere Health Analysis: [2015 Exchange Premium File](#)
- Wisconsin Toolbox:
 - [Enroll WI](#) (Formerly E4Health)
 - [OIC Individual Health Insurance Carriers in WI Map](#)

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [WisBusiness: Assessing the ACA on its 5th Anniversary](#), Madison, March 23
- [HealthWatch Wisconsin Annual Conference](#), Madison, March 26
- [Wisconsin Rural Stroke Summit & Coalition Meeting](#), Wisconsin Dells, March 26-27
- [WHN Panel Series Luncheon on Payment Reform](#), Madison, April 7
- [E-Cigarettes: An Update on the Science](#), Evidence Based Health Policy Project Briefing, Madison, April 15
- [Wisconsin Health Literacy Summit](#), Madison, April 13-15
- [Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation's Fundraising Dinner and Auction](#), Madison, April 24
- [Wisconsin Hospital Association Advocacy Day](#), Madison, April 28
- [Medicaid Provider Payments: Hospitals, Cost-Shifting, and Primary Care Services](#), Madison, May 5

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Health and Social Care Spending, comparison across countries, via [@commonwealthfnd](#) <http://bit.ly/1Am4O4J>

on SGR "doc fix" [@Avik](#) Roy doubts wisdom of reducing other programs to make sure that doctors make \$300K rather than \$275K #NHPC15

Meta-evaluation of patient centered medical homes finds improved care, reduced costs, via [@MilbankFund](#) <http://bit.ly/163CCs6>

Indiana's #Medicaid expansion includes a 6-month lock-out <http://nyti.ms/1tG27uN> . WI did this-here's the evaluation <http://bit.ly/1BAe574>

DYK Health insurance companies do not make large profits. Pharma does. Via [@sarahkliff](#) [@vox](#) <http://bit.ly/1wzgzj7>

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