

Medicaid

DRW supports accessing all available federal Medicaid revenues in order to maintain the current level and type of Medicaid benefits currently offered to people with disabilities, including children, in Wisconsin.

***Why:** Medicaid is a lifeline for more than 200,000 adults with disabilities in Wisconsin and tens of thousands of children. People with disabilities rely on Medicaid for health care supports, including mental health psychosocial and rehab supports and personal care that are not available to them anywhere else. Without such supports they would be using costly emergency rooms or delay care with tragic results. Wisconsin must continue its shift of Medicaid investment from an institutional to a community-based focus.*

- **Proposal:** DRW supports improved access to Medicaid allowable services that are subject to prior authorization by reducing repetitive administrative review, increasing the number of visits, providing a timely response to requests and streamlining the prior authorization (PA) process. (Reduced admin costs).
- **Proposal:** DRW supports changes to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) program similar to those proposed in 2015 Assembly Bill 414. This includes updating MAPP eligibility and premium-setting methods to remove current disincentives to work and better reflect the financial situation of people with disabilities.
- **Proposal:** Accept the federal Medicaid expansion to expand eligibility for adults to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), from 100 percent of FPL. The LFB has estimated this will result in a savings of \$197 million in the first year of the next biennium while covering about 83,000 more adults. Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin should expand Medicaid within the current BadgerCare system without making detrimental changes that have been problematic in other states. (Estimated savings in each year of biennium).