

Sen. Erpenbach: Statement on today's budget committee action on Medicaid and Department of Health Services

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“There are families all over Wisconsin losing sleep at night over the uncertainty that President Trump and Governor Walker have caused for individuals whose lives are affected by Medicaid. Wisconsin Democrats value the health and success of all of our citizens and want to make sure we all have an opportunity for a healthy life. We have long advocated to accept the Federal Medicaid dollars Wisconsin taxpayers deserve. Taking that expansion would have put over \$1.07 billion in our state budgets. We have listened to the advocate communities and worked hard to quell the uncertainties we know families are feeling. The opportunity for a healthy life should not be impacted by political games. Unfortunately Republicans have failed to plan for potential Federal changes and for healthy outcomes for families that may be affected.”