

# Gov. Walker: Weekly Radio Address: Taking the lead on health care stability

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**MADISON** - Governor Scott Walker released his Weekly Radio Address today titled "[Taking the Lead on Health Care Stability.](#)"

*Hi, Scott Walker here.*

*Wisconsin families need stability, especially when it comes to their health care.*

*The current state of Obamacare is unsustainable and unacceptable.*

*When we visited hospitals throughout Wisconsin this week in La Crosse, Green Bay, Eau Claire and Wausau, we again heard calls to act on health care.*

*Since Washington has failed to act on the issue, Wisconsin must lead.*

*Earlier this week, our Health Care Stability Plan took a great step forward.*

*Both the Senate and the Assembly passed legislation authorizing Wisconsin to move forward in establishing a state reinsurance program.*

*This market-driven, Wisconsin-based solution to rising premiums will make health care more affordable for those on the individual marketplace.*

*This will also bring needed stability to the tumultuous individual marketplace.*

*Thank you to the Legislature for passing this important legislation.*

*I look forward to signing this bill when it comes to my desk.*

*But, we aren't stopping there.*

*We are also focusing on the other two parts of our Health Care Stability Plan which will bring peace of mind for Wisconsin families.*

*We need to pass legislation that would guarantee protection for people with preexisting conditions.*

*The Assembly already passed this legislation, but it's time for the Senate to do the same.*

*While visiting La Crosse at the Mayo Clinic, I met Steve Dougherty and his wife Jodi.*

*Steve, who is undergoing chemotherapy for prostate cancer, told me that the clinic is saving his life.*

*We need the Senate to pass this legislation to help folks like Steve have the reassurance that they will still receive care even with a preexisting condition.*

*And to bring stability to our seniors, we are requesting a permanent waiver for SeniorCare which will help Wisconsin seniors with prescription drug prices.*

*Our market-driven, Wisconsin-based solution will make health care more stable & affordable.*

*With Washington D.C. failing to fix our nation's health care system, Wisconsin must lead.*