

Grothman campaign: Dan Kohl supports government run health care, increased taxes on Wisconsinites

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- Dan Kohl supports socialized medicine, also known as “universal health care.” He’s [quoted](#) as saying “There are many paths to get to universal health care.”
- In 2008, Dan Kohl [supported](#) and campaigned on Healthy Wisconsin, which would have cost taxpayers \$15 billion.

Kohl said he believed Healthy Wisconsin should be the starting point for the Wisconsin legislature addressing health care. “I anticipate the legislature having a vigorous debate about the right mechanism to achieve full coverage, and believe that Healthy Wisconsin should be the starting point for that debate and for the action that the next legislature takes.” (Staff, “Dan Kohl: State Assembly,” [Shepherd](#)

[Express](#), 8/13/08)

Healthy Wisconsin would have been a state-run program that would have been funded by a new payroll tax on workers and their employers. “The major divides in Wisconsin were over how to pay for the program and what role the government should play. The measure, known as Healthy Wisconsin, passed in the Senate but eventually stalled over funding. The Healthy Wisconsin plan would have provided coverage for all residents of the state not already covered by another government plan, like Medicare. Those using the plan would participate in a health care pool, where they would choose from a number of plans. A government board would have served as the referee, choosing plans and establishing guidelines for coverage. The plan would have been financed by a payroll tax on workers and their employers, replacing premiums and other payments for private health insurance.” (Staff, “Wisconsin no stranger to health care debate,” [CNN.com](#), 6/11/09)

- Dan Kohl wouldn’t hesitate to raise taxes on Wisconsinites to pay for his radical health care plan.

“Healthy Wisconsin had an estimated \$15 billion price tag, which would have been paid by employers and workers.”(Steven Walters and Patrick Marley, “Democrats will try to revive health plan,” Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 11/12/08)

- Healthy Wisconsin was labeled the “biggest tax increase in state history.”

A June 2009 Green Bay Press-Gazette editorial said the Healthy Wisconsin plan would have been funded by “the biggest tax increase in state history.” “It sounded very much like the Healthy Wisconsin plan that was shot down during the 2007-2009 state budget talks, mainly because it would have been funded by the biggest tax increase in state history.” (Editorial, “Selling plan will take more than charm,” Green Bay Press-Gazette, 6/12/09)