

# Rep. Riemer: Statement on Gov. Walker's Plan to Weaken Protections for People with Pre-Existing Conditions

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Madison - Rep. Daniel Riemer (D - Milwaukee) released the following statement responding to Governor Walker's election year announcement that he wants the Wisconsin State Legislature to pass a bill (Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 365) that would allow health insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions more if they do not meet certain conditions:

"Current federal law already protects people with pre-existing conditions. All Wisconsin Legislative Democrats support full pre-existing health condition protections (Senate Bill 265/Assembly Bill 363). Governor Walker's plan would weaken those protections by allowing health insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions more," said Rep. Riemer.

"Governor Walker's plan takes us backwards. There is no stability in his plan if it means that health insurance companies can provide fewer protections for people with pre-existing conditions that are in current federal law."