

# WisDems: Republican special election candidates are staunchly anti-health care

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*Democratic candidates promise to fight for affordable, quality health care for all*

MADISON — In the GOP's latest attack on health care, President Donald Trump's Department of Justice announced it would not defend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) against legal attempts to repeal the law. This could strip 2.4 million Wisconsinites of consumer protections and put millions at risk of losing health care coverage.

Rep. Andre Jacque and Jon Plumer, Republicans running in the special elections for SD-1 and AD-42 respectively, are in lock-step with Republicans on health care: They would rather shower wealthy corporations with tax breaks than make health care affordable and accessible for the rest of us.

Jon Plumer is endorsed and financially supported by at least 24 Republican legislators who have repeatedly refused to expand Medicaid to cover more Wisconsinites. Plumer has attacked the Affordable Care Act, even promoting a photo calling the law, which gave protections to people with pre-existing conditions, "organized crime."

"I know firsthand how difficult life can be with a pre-existing condition," said Ann Groves Lloyd, Democratic candidate running in Assembly District 42 who was diagnosed with fibromyalgia in 2009. "That's why I promise to work for every Wisconsinite's right to quality, affordable health insurance in the Assembly."

Andre Jacque, running in the special election for Senate District 1, has made countless attempts to make health care less accessible. His tenure in the Assembly has been largely defined by his extreme efforts to chip away at women's access to a range of health care options, even authoring legislation that would have exacerbated the shortage of ob-gyns in Wisconsin. He also voted against taking federal money to expand Medicaid, a move that cost the state more than \$1 billion and 10,000 health care jobs and left 79,000 Wisconsinites without affordable coverage.

"No one should have to make the choice between going to the doctor or buying groceries," said Caleb Frostman, Democratic candidate running in Senate District 1. "We need to advance policies that help people succeed, and that means ensuring every Wisconsinite is guaranteed affordable, quality health care."