

U.S. Rep. Kind: Cosponsors bill to incentivize expanding Medicaid

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Gov. Evers' budget would finally expand Medicaid in Wisconsin, but action may be blocked in the State legislature

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** cosponsored the *Incentivizing Medicaid Expansion Act of 2019*, which will provide additional financial incentives for states like Wisconsin to expand Medicaid in the future. Wisconsin is one of only 14 states that has not accepted federal Medicaid expansion, which has cost the state \$1.1 billion since 2014.

“Increasing healthcare costs and limited access to quality care harm the wellbeing of Wisconsin’s most vulnerable – including our children, seniors, and people living with a disability. Over 80,000 additional Wisconsinites could be covered under Medicaid expansion, saving taxpayers \$190 million per year. This bill is a commonsense move to improve the health and economic security of people across the state,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**.

Wisconsin’s previous governor opted not to accept federal funding for Medicaid expansion. Rep. Kind called on him 11 times to put partisan politics aside and accept federal Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. Recently, Governor Tony Evers announced his intention to accept federal Medicaid expansion, but the move could be blocked by the State legislature.

Read more about the bill [here](#).