

# Americans for Prosperity Wisconsin: Medicaid expansion will hurt Wisconsin, strain current health care system

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**MADISON, WI**—Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin (AFP-WI) today released the following statement in response to the recently proposed [Medicaid Saves Lives Act](#), sponsored by Wisconsin's own, Senator Tammy Baldwin. This legislation would sidestep the Wisconsin State Legislature, forcing thousands of able-bodied, working aged adults off of their employer-sponsored health care or the exchanges and into government dependence.

“Tammy Baldwin’s half-baked proposals are not what Wisconsin families want and undermine state legislatures across the country that have continuously voted against Medicaid expansion,” said **AFP-WI State Director Eric Bott**. “This proposed legislation is incredibly short-sighted and ultimately an ineffectual solution to our fix our current health care system. This is part of Washington’s push for a complete government takeover of health care. Instead of hiking critical waiting lists and crowding out limited resources, federal leaders should enact reforms that will empower states to more effectively deliver care to the most vulnerable who rely on Medicaid.”

## **Background:**

Fiscally prudent Wisconsin legislators have rejected Medicaid expansion multiple times this session.

Americans for Prosperity [announced](#) staunch opposition to Medicaid expansion.

Americans for Prosperity [praised](#) the Joint Finance Committee for protecting access to quality health care.

Americans for Prosperity [applauded](#) the Assembly for removing Gov. Evers's most egregious budget proposals, including costly Medicaid expansion.

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Through broad-based grassroots outreach, *Americans for Prosperity (AFP)* is driving long-term solutions to the country's biggest problems. AFP activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and encourage them to take an active role in building a culture of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping one another. AFP recruits and unites Wisconsinites behind a common goal of advancing policies that will help people improve their lives. *For more information, visit [www.-  
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