

Protect Our Care: Releases report detailing why Wisconsin should expand medicaid

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WISCONSIN— Yesterday, Protect Our Care released reports ([FL](#), [GA](#), [NC](#), and [WI](#)) on the benefits of Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina as part of the [GOP Medicaid Deniers Campaign](#). These reports outline the benefits of expanding Medicaid in each respective state and further make the case that Republicans should abandon their unpopular opposition to getting more people covered. With the passage of the American Rescue Plan, Republican lawmakers who have refused to expand Medicaid have another chance to do the right thing for their constituents.

Highlights of the reports:

- In **Wisconsin**, more than 90,000 Wisconsinites could gain coverage, and, even after paying for the cost of expansion, the state would receive an additional \$1.14 billion from the federal government thanks to the American Rescue Plan.
- In Florida, more than 1.3 million Floridians could gain coverage and, even after paying for the cost of expansion, the state would receive an additional \$1.81 billion in from the federal government thanks to the American Rescue Plan.
- In Georgia, more than 600,000 Georgians could gain coverage and, even after paying for the cost of expansion, the state would receive an additional \$710 million from the federal government thanks to the American Rescue Plan.
- In North Carolina, more than 591,000 North Carolinians could gain coverage and, even after paying for the cost of Medicaid expansion, the state would receive an additional \$1.21 billion in additional funding from the federal government thanks to the American Rescue Plan.

“Medicaid is vital for ensuring access to quality, affordable care, especially for communities of color, women, children, older adults, and rural Americans,” **said Protect Our Care Executive Director Brad Woodhouse**. “These reports show it’s high time for Republicans to stop playing politics with their constituents’ health. By refusing to expand Medicaid in their states, Republican lawmakers are denying insurance to their most vulnerable populations as we continue to battle the pandemic — it’s almost criminal. The American Rescue Plan gives holdout states yet another opportunity to do the right thing. If they refuse, they can expect to be held accountable.”

Read the reports on [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [North Carolina](#), and [Wisconsin](#).