

Rep. Neubauer: Applauds Special Session on BadgerCare Expansion

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MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers announced that he is calling for a special session to accept the federal BadgerCare expansion in Wisconsin. Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in support:

“Expanding BadgerCare is the right thing to do for Wisconsin, plain and simple. The benefits are clear: more than 90,000 working Wisconsinites could gain access to affordable care. We could save more than \$600 million in Wisconsin taxpayers’ money, and we could bring another \$1 billion of Wisconsin’s money back from the federal government. Those dollars can be reinvested in communities across the state to help us all bounce back from COVID-19.

“If we expand BadgerCare under Governor Evers’ plan, communities like Racine will see big benefits. Racine is the only city of its size across the Midwest that does not have a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC). The Governor’s plan for the new dollars freed up by the BadgerCare expansion includes investing in Racine’s own FQHC. If we move forward and expand BadgerCare, our neighbors will not only have access to more affordable health insurance, but also more access to care providers in our own neighborhoods and schools, so every family gets the care they need.

“Two years ago, and again two weeks ago, when the Legislative Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee rejected the BadgerCare expansion in the state budget, they missed the chance to bring these benefits home. This special session is our chance to rectify this mistake, put the people of Wisconsin first, and invest in our shared health and future together.”