

# WisDems: Issue statement after Governor Evers announced mental health services proposal in budget

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(MADISON) — This morning, Gov. Evers announced that his budget will include more than \$150 million in critical mental health services for Wisconsinites as well as expand BadgerCare. **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler** issued this statement of support:

“Too many people in Wisconsin struggle to access quality, affordable mental health services. With the pandemic still raging on and Wisconsinites still struggling to deal with this new world that we live in, **Governor Evers’ 2021-2023 budget helps Wisconsinites access the care they need.** This expansion of health care coverage and investment in our mental and behavioral health workforce is crucial to ensuring people have access to affordable, life-saving services like telepsychiatry.

“This carefully crafted budget includes proposals that Wisconsinites desperately need to ensure the health and safety of themselves and their families. **The State Legislature needs to swiftly approve this budget with the proposals of Gov. Evers** so that Wisconsinites can begin to heal from this pandemic and move forward.”