

Protect Our Care Wisconsin: **BREAKING: Court approves agreement on partial stay in Braidwood case**

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Washington, DC — Today, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals [granted](#) a partial stay pending appeal in *Braidwood Management v. Becerra*, protecting free preventive care for 150 million Americans as the case moves through the courts. In his initial ruling in the case, Judge O'Connor invalidated critical benefits endorsed by the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#), including lifesaving lung, breast, and colorectal cancer screenings, anxiety and depression screenings for children and adults, heart disease screenings, intimate partner violence screenings, and access to PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), which can reduce the chance of contracting HIV. The court order, approving an agreement reached by the parties, means that, while the ruling stands for the plaintiffs, it will not go into immediate effect nationwide as Judge O'Connor previously ruled.

In response, Protect Our Care Communications Director Anne Shoup issued the following statement:

“This agreement will protect the 150 million people who rely on preventative services while this case works through the courts. While millions of Americans can breathe a sigh of relief knowing they can continue to access free preventive care, these lifesaving services remain at risk. If Judge O'Connor's ruling stands, free screenings for depression, diabetes, and heart health will no longer be guaranteed, raising costs on families and threatening the health of millions. Without this guarantee, more Americans will be forced to choose between going to the doctor and paying for other essentials like groceries and rent — meaning more Americans

will get sick and more will die of entirely preventable causes.”