

Protect Our Care Wisconsin: Record breaking 16.3 million people - including 221,128 Wisconsinites - signed up for health coverage during open enrollment

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WISCONSIN — Last month, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that a record [16.3 million](#) people - including [221,128 Wisconsinites](#) - have signed up for health coverage during the 2023 open enrollment period. Nationwide, enrollment is up [12 percent](#) from the same time last year.

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President Biden and Democrats in Congress have made incredible progress to ensure millions more Americans have the health care they deserve. This includes passing the American Rescue Plan, the Inflation Reduction Act, and funding the Navigator program with the single-largest investment ever to focus on outreach to racial and ethnic minorities, people in rural areas, LGBTQ+ people, and other underserved communities. In addition, the Biden administration solved the family glitch, which previously blocked millions of families from receiving affordable coverage under the ACA, was also eliminated, allowing an estimated 200,000 uninsured Americans to gain coverage and save hundreds of dollars each month on health premiums. The work put in by President Biden and Congressional Democrats is to thank for this immensely successful open enrollment period.

In response, Protect Our Care Wisconsin State Director Joe Zepecki issued the following statement:

“President Biden and Democrats in Congress deserve all the credit for the success of this open enrollment period. Health insurance is more affordable than ever as a direct result of Democratic leadership. While Republicans opposed every move and spent years trying to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, President Biden and Democrats delivered on their promise to protect and expand it. By eliminating the family glitch rule and passing the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act, these strides made health care through the ACA marketplaces more affordable than ever before. The Biden administration also funded the Navigator program with the single-largest investment ever to help connect underserved communities to the care they so desperately need.

“President Biden and Congressional Democrats will not give up the fight until everyone in Wisconsin and across the country has access to the high-quality, affordable health care they need to thrive. The nation’s uninsured rate is at the lowest it has ever been in history. 16.3 Million Americans signing up for coverage is a big deal. These record numbers show that Americans want and need the affordable, quality health care made possible through the ACA.”

You can learn more about how the Inflation Reduction Act is lowering health care costs in Wisconsin [here](#).