

Rodriguez campaign: Statement on postpartum Medicaid expansion and breast cancer screening coverage legislation

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Rodriguez praises legislators who pushed bills to the floor; calls for continued action on health care in 2027

MADISON, WI—Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez, a registered nurse and Democratic candidate for governor, released the following statement on the passage of legislation expanding postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months and requiring insurance coverage for supplemental breast cancer screening:

“As a nurse, I know early cancer detection and postpartum care save lives. After months of Speaker Vos blocking these bills, I’m glad a group of courageous legislators finally got this done. Expanding postpartum Medicaid to 12 months means new moms get the care they need beyond the first 60 days. And ‘Gail’s Law’ ensures women can get the cancer screenings their doctors recommend - screenings that catch cancer when it’s treatable.

But we can’t stop here. We need to protect and expand BadgerCare - Wisconsin families depend on it. We need a Wisconsin Health Care Bill of Rights that guarantees no one goes bankrupt from medical bills. And we need BadgerChoice, a Wisconsin-run public option that gives everyone a new choice for affordable health care, no matter what’s happening in Washington, D.C. These bills are important steps. Next year we can finish the job. I want to thank the legislators who fought to get these bills to the

floor, and I look forward to Governor Evers signing them into law.”

Early this month, Rodriguez [released a comprehensive health care platform](#) that includes BadgerChoice, a Wisconsin-run public health insurance option; a Wisconsin Health Care Bill of Rights that protects pre-existing conditions and patients from surprise medical bills and medical debt; and commitments to protect and expand BadgerCare. Rodriguez has made affordable, accessible health care the centerpiece of her campaign for governor.