

# Weekly Dem radio address: Gov. Evers urges bipartisan support for 2026 legislative agenda to lower out-of-pocket healthcare costs, prevent price gouging, and crack down on health insurers

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*Hey there, folks! Governor Tony Evers here.*

*Between President Trump's chaotic trade wars and tariff taxes and cuts to critical basic needs programs like healthcare and food assistance, folks and families across our state are struggling.*

*And because Republicans in Congress have failed to extend tax credits under the Affordable Care Act, many Wisconsinites this year will see the cost of their healthcare coverage go up by thousands of dollars.*

*Wisconsin can't afford to pick up the whole tab to fix this issue, but we should still be doing everything we can to help make sure Wisconsinites get the healthcare they need.*

*So, I'm also asking the Legislature to approve my plan to lower costs for prescriptions and medication and crack down on price gouging and health insurers.*

*My "Less for Rx" plan will lower costs for life-saving prescription drugs and insulin.*

*I also hear from folks who feel like they're not getting a fair shake from their healthcare coverage.*

*Claims are denied all too often, and they can't get a straight answer why, and people have to wait or drive hours or days to get the care that they need.*

*So, I'm asking the Legislature to consider passing commonsense ideas like auditing insurance companies for denying claims at high rates, holding insurers accountable so that Wisconsinites get the health insurance coverage they pay for, and cracking down on "prior authorizations" that require doctors to get permission before they prescribe the care that you need.*

*I also think we should create new standards to expand the healthcare services and procedures that insurance companies are required to cover.*

*In 2026, let's make sure Wisconsinites' insurance will cover more healthcare services and procedures with no delays, no hassles, and no questions asked.*

*We can continue doing the right thing for the people of the state, and I'm urging the Legislature to join me in getting good things done for Wisconsin this year.*

*Thank you.*

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