

EXECUTIVE ORDER #3

Relating to the Creation of a Healthy Communities Initiative

WHEREAS, healthy communities are essential to ensure the wellbeing of the State of Wisconsin, its people, and its economy;

WHEREAS, critical healthcare needs exist across the State of Wisconsin which require comprehensive and collaborative solutions;

WHEREAS, to ensure that current and future generations of Wisconsinites thrive, the State of Wisconsin must promote the wellbeing of individuals and their communities;

WHEREAS, access to preventative care and community health solutions across the State of Wisconsin will improve the quality of life for all Wisconsinites;

WHEREAS, it is the expressed policy of my administration that we must address acute health disparities and crises that for too long have not been prioritized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order the following:

1. The Department of Health Services shall be the executive agency entrusted to oversee and promote healthcare for the people of the State of Wisconsin; and
2. The Department shall use its expertise in public health to take any necessary steps to protect and enhance the health outcomes of the people of the State of Wisconsin, including prioritizing the following areas:
 - a. Increasing healthcare coverage;
 - b. Improving healthcare access;
 - c. Investing in prevention and wellness;
 - d. Developing a diverse and robust healthcare workforce;
 - e. Fostering innovation in healthcare; and
 - f. Reducing health disparities; and
3. The Department of Health Services shall develop a plan to ensure that more Wisconsinites have access to affordable, quality healthcare, while saving Wisconsin taxpayer dollars, by expanding Medicaid eligibility in the State of Wisconsin; and

4. The Department of Health Services shall, when applicable, make decisions that are evidence-based and culturally competent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 8th Day of January in the year of two thousand nineteen.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State