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## **Republicans Scrap Healthcare for Thousands of Wisconsinites**

MADISON - Today the Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted unanimously to remove the Medicaid expansion from the Governor's Budget.

**“This was a fiscally and morally irresponsible move against the will of the people. If the Republicans succeed they will have denied health coverage to thousands of Wisconsinites while at the same time taking a pass on \$325 million in savings,”** Representative Dianne Hesselbein said.

Accepting the Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin would lead to 82,000 Wisconsinites gaining access to affordable health coverage. The money would also leverage federal dollars for \$1.6 billion in new health programs and investments. In addition, studies show that expanding Medicaid would lower insurance costs 7% to 11%.

**“We have to consider that Republican leaders are making detrimental decisions for our state simply because they want to play politics and feel insulated from any repercussions,”** Hesselbein concluded.

JFC Democrats motioned to reinstate the Medicaid expansion, but the motion failed on a party line vote.

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