



RESOLUTION # 63-2/13

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 2-1

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 20
Against: 1
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 8
Vote Req: 1
Other Action:

VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd:

RE: SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN'S ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO EXPAND COVERAGE FOR THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM (BADGERCARE), GUARANTEEING COVERAGE TO LOW INCOME ADULTS

WHEREAS, if the State of Wisconsin agrees to accept Medical Assistance funding available through the US Affordable Care Act it would get \$12 billion dollars to fill the holes in BadgerCare over the next 10 years for the State or about \$240,000,000 for La Crosse County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the new federal money will extend BadgerCare to over 170,000 Wisconsin residents or about 3400 La Crosse County residents per year or to over 211,000 Wisconsin residents or about 4200 La Crosse County residents within 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 146,000 Wisconsin residents currently on the BadgerCare waiting list of which about 2900 are La Crosse County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Medicaid (BadgerCare) provisions of the national health care reform law guarantee coverage to all citizens below 133% of the federal poverty level (\$14,856 annually, \$7.14 per hour) for a single individual and \$20,123 annually (\$9.67 per hour) for couples; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,000 jobs would be created with this expansion; and,

WHEREAS, 100% of the cost will be paid by the Federal government for the first 3 years and 90% for all years following, compared to the 40% share Wisconsin currently pays; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin would save an additional \$247 million in the cost of uncompensated medical care because more people would have health coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board does hereby encourage Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, and Representatives Billings and Doyle and the Wisconsin Counties Association to support the \$12 billion dollar expansion of Medicaid (BadgerCare) under the new health care law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Billings and Doyle, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to La Crosse County. Acceptance of Medical Assistance funding will have positive impact as outlined in the resolution.

Date: 2/11/13

R. Plush

VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 2-11-13

Alice K. Stenson

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.			
Fin. Director	<u>GT</u>	<u>SO</u>	
Corp. Counsel	<u>AK</u>		
Board Chair	<u>AK</u>		

Requested By: Sharon Hampson
Date Requested: January 31, 2013
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 11th Day of February, 2013

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 11th day of February, 2013.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk