



# Area Agency on Aging of Dane County

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DATE: 10 June 2019  
TO: Dane County Delegation  
FROM: Carole Kretschman, Chair  
Area Agency on Aging of Dane County Board of Directors  
SUBJECT: Medicaid Expansion

On behalf of the Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, I am writing to express our support for Medicaid Expansion and to urge you to do everything possible to ensure it is included in the 2019-2021 state budget. As you know, Medicaid Expansion will make healthcare accessible to over 80,000 low income Wisconsin residents, return federal tax dollars that the people of Wisconsin have already sent to Washington, and save significant state dollars that can then be used to match additional federal money to provide even greater healthcare benefits to the citizens of Wisconsin.

In addition to the above mentioned benefits, the increased revenues will create a demand for more doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers to provide healthcare services to the newly eligible Medicaid recipients.

This seems like a “Win, Win, Win, Win” opportunity to significantly increase access to quality healthcare to thousands of Wisconsinites and accomplishing it in a cost-effective manner. Before final passage on the floor, we urge you to make Medicaid Expansion a priority budget decision so that we will not pass up the tremendous opportunity to improve the quality of life for the people of Wisconsin, including our children and grandchildren.

cc: The Honorable Tony Evers, Governor, State of Wisconsin  
State Elected Officials (representing Dane County)  
Speaker Robin Vos  
Members, Dane County Board of Supervisors  
The Honorable Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive  
Ms. Shawn Tessmann, Director, Dane County Department of Human Services