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Proposal will prevent 2 billion Wisconsin tax dollars from going to other states.

MADISON - State Senator Jon Erpenbach stood with Governor Tony Evers and others on Monday to announce that he will be introducing stand-alone legislation to increase the eligibility limit of the Wisconsin Medicaid program to 133% of the federal poverty level. Representative Daniel Riemer (D-Milwaukee) will introduce the Assembly companion.



“In 2019, 100% of the federal poverty limit is \$12,490 for a single person; you can’t make more than that and still qualify for BadgerCare,” said Erpenbach, (D-West Point) “That is not a lot of money. By increasing that number to 133% of the federal poverty level, or about \$16,612, what we are doing here today is helping real people take an extra shift and not making them choose between school supplies and insulin. The people stopping this bill don’t have to make that choice.”

According to the Department of Revenue, without expansion, taxpayers will pay more than \$2 billion over the next biennium in federal income taxes for other states to expand their Medicaid programs. Wisconsin state residents experience no return on these investments without the expansion of Medicare.

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