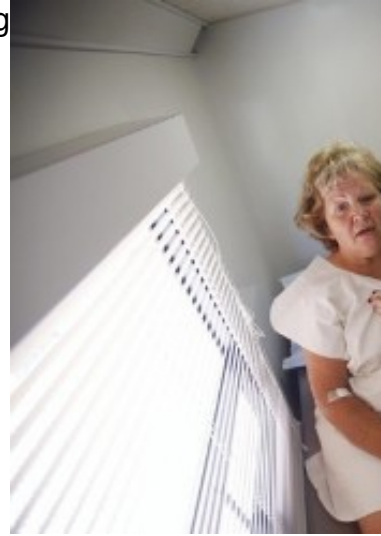


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***Over the past thirty years, Wisconsin has fallen 16 spots in national healthcare outcomes to 23rd. It's beyond time to give Wisconsinites the care they deserve by expanding Medicaid.***

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EAU CLAIRE, WI - We've been hearing a lot in the news lately about our health. Just last week, I found myself in many conversations with healthcare professionals talking about ways to improve the health of our community – and no, I'm not only talking about keeping our communities safe by preventing the spread of coronavirus.

Throughout my conversations with caregivers, nurses, health professionals and researchers, we identified prominent issues affecting the state of public health in Wisconsin. While discussing issues, from surprise medical bills to the nursing shortage to the opioid epidemic, I started to think about how we're all connected to these issues in one way or another.

Although we may not be directly impacted by these health challenges in our personal lives, they affect our community in significant ways. Collectively, our state has a role to play for addressing public health challenges and making our communities healthier for all. Our capacity to empathize with others has the ability to save lives.

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Coverage for Children in Wisconsin's Rural Counties

Percent of Children in Poverty (estimated by National 2014-15)

