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Bills would protect Wisconsin families from being denied access to or charged more for health insurance, prohibit lifetime and annual limits, and keep out-of-pocket costs down.

MADISON – The House of Representatives voted last week for a bill put forward by Speaker Paul Ryan that would repeal the Affordable Care Act and the provisions in it that protect Americans from health insurance company abuses. Governor Walker recently said he would be open to dropping protections for people with pre-existing conditions in Wisconsin. Speaker Paul Ryan’s American Health Care Act guts protections for people with pre-existing conditions, imperils essential health benefits that protect patients when they get sick, defunds Planned Parenthood, and jeopardizes Wisconsin families from running into arbitrary annual and lifetime insurance limits.

In light of these developments, Senator **Jon Erpenbach** (D—Middleton) and Representative **Daniel Riemer** (D—Milwaukee), along with other Democrats, are putting forward legislation that would protect Wisconsin families from the health care decisions made by Republicans in Washington and Governor Scott Walker.



“The federal government should not abandon its responsibility to protect the health of the American people,” **said Rep. Riemer (D-Milwaukee)**. “Last week, Gov. Walker said he is open to removing pre-existing condition protections. This would jeopardize health care for hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites. While it remains to be seen if the Senate will act on Speaker Ryan’s and President Trump’s health care bill, it is clear the people of Wisconsin cannot trust Washington or Walker to protect our health care. These bills would guarantee protection for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions, those who would run into arbitrary insurance limits, those who rely on family planning clinics for necessary health care, and those who rely on the basic health services enshrined in the law as ‘essential health benefits.’”

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