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Candidate for Governor Mike McCabe talks about getting everyone in Wisconsin access to high-quality and affordable medical insurance.

ALTOONA, WI - Applying that common sense rule, Wisconsin's whole population should be made eligible to get health insurance through the BadgerCare program. BadgerCare should be there for all Badgers who want or need it. BadgerCare provides excellent insurance coverage and is affordable. It should be a public option that anyone in the state could choose in the insurance marketplace.

BadgerCare is Wisconsin's version of Medicaid but existing state law has restrictive requirements including income limits that make only the poor, elderly and disabled eligible to enroll. Changing a single word in state law would allow BadgerCare to be listed as one of the options on the health insurance exchange that currently only includes private insurance plans.

State law now says "An individual is eligible to purchase coverage...if all of the following apply" and goes on to list the requirements. Changing the word "all" to "any" would open up BadgerCare to the general population. No one would be required to enroll, but anyone could if they choose to.

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