

Gov. Radio - Badger Bounceback Agenda to Expand Access to Affordable Healthcare

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Thursday delivered the Democratic Radio Address on how his Badger Bounceback agenda will expand accessible and affordable healthcare in Wisconsin by expanding BadgerCare and investing in mental and behavioral health resources, addressing health disparities, lowering prescription drug costs, and addressing the caregiving crisis.

[Audio file of Radio Address](#) .



Hi everyone, Governor Tony Evers here.

Our Badger Bounceback budget agenda is all about how we can make sure our state recovers from the pandemic better and stronger than we were before the pandemic hit. And if there's anything COVID-19 underscored, it's that the health and wellness of our state and our economy depends on the health and wellness of our people.

Whether it's affordability or accessibility due to lack of broadband for telehealth services or transportation to get into town, too many Wisconsinites continue to face barriers to accessing the healthcare that they need.

That's why my biennial budget proposal invests in expanding access to affordable healthcare in four critical ways.

We're proposing expanding BadgerCare to provide coverage to 90,000 Wisconsinites and save our state \$1.6 billion dollars, ensuring telehealth services are covered the same as in-person services, investing in mental and behavioral health resources for the folks who need it, and addressing health disparities by investing in health equity initiatives and curbing social determinants of health.

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We're also going to tackle the rising costs of prescription drug prices with over 20 policy solutions to help lower costs and increase transparency because picking up your medications shouldn't break the bank.

And, folks, all across Wisconsin we are experiencing a caregiving crisis, so we're investing \$600 million in our long-term care, direct care workforce, and family caregivers. And finally, we are also going to continue to protect and ensure coverage for the more than 2.6 million Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions.

Join me in supporting our Badger Bounceback budget by contacting your local representatives to tell them you support these proposals, and let's get this done. Thank you.