

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03-25
RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL MEDICAID FUNDING AND RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Medicaid provides high quality healthcare coverage, long-term care, and other services to over 1.2 million Wisconsin residents, who would otherwise not be able to afford healthcare, through programs like BadgerCare Plus, Family Care, SeniorCare, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a state-federal partnership with the federal government contributing \$1.54 to Medicaid for every \$1 Wisconsin invests, resulting in nearly \$8.0 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, an average of 23 percent of people living in every Wisconsin county rely on Medicaid for health or long-term care – 22.36 percent of Waushara County residents – with some counties having as much as 65 percent of their population in a Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursements infused \$11 billion into local economies and worker paychecks in 2023 and more than 30,000 Wisconsin businesses were paid for providing health and institutional long-term care services, including 60 businesses in Waushara County resulting in a monetary value of \$24,864,512 (Wisconsin Medicaid Coalition); and

WHEREAS, Medicaid funds almost all long-term care, including Wisconsin's institution diversion programs—Family Care, IRIS, CLTS—that keep kids, people with disabilities, and older adults out of expensive Medicaid-funded nursing homes and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid serves a diverse population of our county's residents including veterans, older adults with dementia, people with disabilities, foster kids, people with mental illness, unpaid caregivers who have had to leave the workforce to provide care, and low wage paid caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 68 percent of adults in Wisconsin on Medicaid are working; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid improves the health, wellbeing, and productivity of thousands of residents in the areas of preventive services, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavioral health, crisis intervention, lead poisoning, treatment of chronic disease, dental health, and support for the elderly and people with disabilities, thus providing for a healthier population and more productive workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors does hereby encourage Congress to maintain essential Medicaid funding and services and not make dramatic cuts to proposed federal or state Medicaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to state and federal legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association.


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Ayes 10 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0 [] Voice Vote
1 Vacant

Approved and adopted this 25th day of March 2025.

Denied this 25th day of March 2025.

Approved as to Form:



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Submitted by:



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Attest:



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Signed by:



John Jarvis, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors