

## ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE SECTION

### CURRENT LANGUAGE

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- **Medicare Expansion:** Support Medicare for All Act to ensure everyone has access to high quality, universal healthcare without the interruptions in care present in an employer -based for-profit system.
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## ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SECTION

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- **Income Maintenance Programs:** Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- ~~W-2 Funding: Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses.~~
- **Childcare:** Support sufficient funding for childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.
- **Tax Supports for low-income residents: Support increasing the state percentage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and expanding eligibility for the Homestead Tax Credit program.**
- **Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing:** Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define "maintenance" as "repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses."
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### SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS, THE DEVELOPMENTALLY/PHYSICALLY DISABLED, AND MENTALLY ILL SECTION

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##### **Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill**

- **Birth to Three:** Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.
- **Community Support Program (CSP):** Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce county costs and serve those who can benefit from the program.
- **RSVP Services:** Support increased funding for the RSVP Program
- **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.
- **Handicap Access:** Support “visit ability” legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.
- **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. ~~Support ongoing funding of ADRCs.~~ Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.

- **Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC):** Support increasing state funds to expand and fully fund ADRC services and support programs across the state including funds for dementia care specialists, elder benefits specialists, and care transition services. Oppose efforts to privatize ADRCs.
- **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.
- **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.
- **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55.
- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS):** Support continued full funding of the state match.
- **InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund):** Support legislation to establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.
- **Family Care/IRIS:** Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, IRIS, and Partnership programs ~~or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs).~~
- **Mental Health and Drug Addiction Treatment:** Urge the state of Wisconsin to require increased insurance coverage and MA reimbursement rates in addition to adequate and sustainable state wide funding for mental health services and drug addiction treatment programs.
- **Winnebago Mental Health Transfers:** Urge DHS to rescind its requirement to transfer detained mental health patients to Winnebago Mental Health Institute instead of Mendota.
- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** ~~Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Past contracts lacked strong accountability or oversight measures and rewarded vendors for denying rides resulting in complaints about the quality and consistency. Support efforts to hold NEMT vendors accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving rather than denying rides. Currently Medical Transportation Management Inc. (MTM) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Contract provisions are skewed to reward MTM for denying rides instead of providing rides. Ongoing complaints about the quality of service suggest little accountability or oversight creating greater problems for the "transportation disadvantaged." Support entities or other actions that will hold MTM accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving, rather than denying, rides.~~
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and neglect.
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- **Early Childhood Initiative:** Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood Initiative programs.
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- **Family Child Care:** Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background checks to family day care providers.
- **At-Risk Youth Report to School Board:** Develop a program for newly released at-risk students to interact with/give progress reports to schoolboards.
- **Law Enforcement Role in Child Abuse & Neglect:** Oppose legislation that usurps the authority of county Child Protective Services (CPS) by reporting all child abuse and neglect cases to law enforcement in lieu of CPS, increases penalties and changes the neglect definition to target low income and marginalized communities.
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## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES SECTION

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#### Public Health Services

- **Response to Local Public Health Emergencies:** Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to respond to all threats to public health. Oppose legislation to preempt or restrict local authority to respond to public health emergencies.
- **Public Health Prevention:** Support initiatives that strengthen the ability of local health departments to maintain effective community health initiatives, enhance health and racial equity, and promote optimal health outcomes for all residents. Oppose efforts that prevent local health departments from advocating for strong public health parameters, incorporating health considerations into policy decision-making, and providing community health services based on scientific data. Support initiatives that maintain effective public health prevention services, health promotion efforts, health and racial equity, and conditions that lead to optimal health outcomes.
- **Medical Marijuana:** Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician.
- **Women's Health Care:** Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's dignity, equality and autonomy.
- **Support Wisconsin Well Woman Program:** Support maintaining this program for breast and cervical cancer screening. The Wisconsin Well Women Program pays for preventive health screening services (Mammograms, Pap Smears.....) for women with little or no health insurance coverage. Support maintaining the program and oppose any cuts or service reductions/elimination.
- **Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.
- **Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days:** Change state law to reduce the unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the County Humane Society holding

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## HOUSING SECTION

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#### Housing

- **Homeless Services:** Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless. Expand state programs to address and prevent homelessness such as the Critical Assistance Program and the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.
- **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes

to require adequate notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.

- **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011- 2012 budget bill provision, which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).
- **Expanding Affordable Affordable Housing Options Trust Fund:** Support state investment in the Dane County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Support additional incentives for developers interested in building affordable housing and state incentives for landlords to accept housing vouchers. Support increases for state programs to expand access to affordable housing such as the Rental Housing Development Program. Support allowing local governments to set affordable housing requirements. Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- **Tenants' Rights:** Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations, which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods. Support state funding for legal assistance for renters facing eviction and landlord and tenant remediation programs.
- **Lead Remediation:** Support state funding for local lead remediation programs.

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## **COMMUNITY, WORKFORCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTION**

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#### **Community, Workforce and Economic Development**

- **Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act:** Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to employ, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning employment discrimination based

on arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair Employment Act.

- **Minimum Wage:** Support increasing the minimum wage to a living wage.
- **UW Extension:** Support adequate staffing and funding levels to sustain Dane County Extension's high-quality educational programs for farmers, businesses, communities, families and young people.
- **Collective Bargaining and Workers Rights:** Support all workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining, ~~and oppose~~
- **Student Debt:** Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible including refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.
- **School Choice Expansion:** Oppose the voucher program or a similar facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County school system.
- **Rural Broadband Coverage:** Support increasing financial support to expand broadband services to underserved rural areas and change state law to allow all levels of local governments and publicly funded entities to build and subsidize broadband networks and projects in underserved areas.

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