

1 By Supervisor Bowen

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A RESOLUTION

in support of Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 requiring the state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the ACA pursued reforms to the country’s health care system that would result in: stronger consumer rights and protections, more affordable coverage, better access to care, and stronger Medicare; and

WHEREAS, while implementation of the ACA was challenged in the courts, the majority of the law was upheld by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the ACA sought to require states to expand Medicaid eligibility up to at least 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) for all U.S. residents, but the Supreme Court struck down this requirement, and instead made the expansion a choice for states; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker announced his intention to turn down new federal dollars for the State’s Medicaid program in his 2013-2015 Recommended State Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, the governor’s proposal would result in an estimated 88,000 adults who currently qualify for BadgerCare to be dropped; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, thousands of Wisconsin’s Medicaid recipients will be placed in private health insurance exchanges and required to pay premiums; and

WHEREAS, the transition from Medicaid to private insurance and the premium cost could result in the loss of health care due to confusion and inability to pay; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the Milwaukee County Board voted to receive and place on file a report (File No. 13-365) by the Community Advocates Public Policy Institute, titled, *The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Milwaukee County’s Behavioral Health Division*, which detailed the many ways in which the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) could utilize the ACA to increase Medicaid revenue; and

WHEREAS, being underinsured and uninsured impacts local health and human service departments, including BHD, because it can lead to untreated mental health or substance abuse and lack of preventative health care; and

46 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 53, and its companion, Senate Bill 38, require the
47 state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding; now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
50 State Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38, and urges state officials to accept enhanced federal
51 Medicaid funding to improve the State's BadgerCare program; and
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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Clerk shall forward a
54 certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, and members of the Milwaukee County
55 Delegation in the State Legislature.
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MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 4/29/13

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolutuion in support of Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 requiring the state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

This resolution supports State Legislation, which would require the state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding offered under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

There is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution other than existing staff time required to forward this resolution to the state officials listed in the resolution.

Department/Prepared By Jennifer Collins, County Board Research Analyst

Authorized Signature 

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CDBP Review?² Yes No Not Required

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.