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REPUBLICANS CELEBRATE TURNING DOWN 1.6 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION

MADISON –Last night, Wisconsin Republicans announced that they were stripping the Medicaid expansion from the state budget, just days after the Department of Health Services (DHS) released county-by-county data on the impacts of Medicaid expansion. Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) released the following statement in response:

“The past few weeks I have traveled across the state attending listening sessions and town halls and I have not heard from one person who opposes our state accepting these federal dollars. Statistics are clear that the impacts of expanding Medicaid have a host of benefits to our state.

“This is partisan politics at its worst and the people of Wisconsin are the ones suffering from it. I urge my Republican colleagues to listen to their constituents and kept Medicaid Expansion in Governor Evers budget.”

The following statistics are Eau Claire county data on the impact of Medicaid expansion provided by the Department of Health Services (DHS):

- **\$11.8 million Expanding Medicaid to an estimated 1,396 Eau Claire County residents**
- **\$757,000 Expanding access to behavioral health, including crisis intervention and telehealth services**
- **\$1 million Preventing childhood lead poisoning through lead abatement and supporting children with lead poisoning through the Birth to 3 Program**
- **\$765,000 Improving access to dental services by increasing payments to dental providers, including those who serve people with disabilities, and expanding the Seal-A-Smile program**
- **\$1.4 million Enhancing Medicaid benefits and services, including support for the new community health benefit and postpartum coverage for new mothers**
- **\$1.1 million Increasing funding for physicians**
- **\$13.6 million Increasing hospital funding**

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