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Rep. Nygren Reacts to DHS/OCI Announcement

Madison--State Representative John Nygren, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

"Today, Governor Evers announced a partnership between the Department of Health Services and the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance tasked with expanding access to those above 100% of the federal poverty level."

"I agree with Governor Evers in his efforts to connect more Wisconsinites to coverage and promoting a strong private insurance marketplace. In Brown County, Wisconsinites between 100% and 138% of the Federal Poverty Level can receive healthcare for as low as 18 cents per month with the federal subsidies. Instead of forcing individuals into government run healthcare, we should prioritize connecting those who qualify for this highly-subsidized healthcare that they already are eligible for."

"Regarding Medicaid expansion, I will reiterate what has been my stance since day one: I do not believe that expanding welfare is the right path for our state to expand access to care and increase affordability."

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