

## Healthcare

- **It also allows us to invest more than \$14.billion into programs to help needy children, families and seniors over the past six years.** GPR Medicaid Total for FY12-FY17, Less Projected Lapse: was \$14,132,667,000. ([State of Wisconsin, 2012 Annual Fiscal Report](#); [State of Wisconsin, 2013 Annual Fiscal Report](#); [State of Wisconsin, 2014 Annual Fiscal Report](#); [State of Wisconsin, 2015 Annual Fiscal Report](#); State of Wisconsin, 2015 Wisconsin Act 55; Linda Seemeyer, Letter to JFC, 12/30/16)

<b>Total GPR FY12-FY17</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2012	AFR	Actual	\$ 1,862,400,000
2013	AFR	Actual	\$ 2,073,900,000
2014	AFR	Actual	\$ 2,305,500,000
2015	AFR	Actual	\$ 2,520,000,000
2016	Act 55	Budgeted	\$ 2,772,393,600
2017	Act 55	Budgeted	\$ 2,910,973,400
Less 2015-17 Projected Lapse			\$ (312,500,000)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$14,132,667,000</b>

- **Our reforms allowed us to cover everyone living in poverty under Medicaid. No other Wisconsin Governor has been able to make that claim.** (Tom Kertscher, "Scott Walker Says His Actions Covered Everyone Living In Poverty With Medicaid For The First Time Ever," [Politifact Wisconsin](#), 9/2/15)
- **We rank as one of the best states in the nation for health insurance coverage.**
  - **In 2016, Wisconsin was the 10th best state for lowest health insurance costs in the nation.** (Elysa Kirkham, "10 Best And Worst States For Health Insurance Costs," [Huffington Post](#), 1/22/16)
  - **The US Census Bureau Found that just 5.7 percent of Wisconsin citizens did not have health insurance.** (Jessica C. Barnett and Marina S. Vornovitsky, [U.S. Census Bureau](#), "Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2015," 9/13/16; Kaiser Family Foundation, "[Health Insurance Coverage of the Total Population](#)," 2015)
- **According to the latest information available from the U.S. Census Bureau, Wisconsin outranks 21 of the states who expanded Medicaid - and every one of the 22 others that did not.** The 2014 and 2015 data, reflects 27 states at the time that expanded Medicaid and Wisconsin outranks 21. In 2015, for expansion states, the uninsured rates ranged from 2.8% (Massachusetts) to 12.3% (Nevada). In the 23 non-expansion states, the uninsured rates ranged from 5.7% (Wisconsin) to 17.1% (Texas). (Jessica C. Barnett and Marina S. Vornovitsky, [U.S. Census Bureau](#), "Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2015, 9/13/16")
- **What happened in Minnesota suggests we're right. Late last year, health insurance premiums there increased by as much as 67 percent.** "Minnesota's individual insurance market is in danger of collapse, Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman said Friday as he announced massive premium increases for 2017 plans. Insurance companies on the individual market will increase their premiums between 50 percent and 67 percent, on average — among the largest increases in the nation." (David Montgomery, "'Emergency' For Minnesota As Huge Insurance Premium Hikes Confirmed," [Pioneer Press](#), 10/2/16)
- **... and the governor of Minnesota declared, "The Affordable Care Act is no longer affordable."** Dayton: "Ultimately I'm not trying to pass the buck here but the reality is the Affordable Care Act is no longer affordable." (Jennifer Mayerle, "Gov. Dayton Declares Affordable Care Act 'No Longer Affordable'," [CBS News](#), 12/12/16)

- **And just last week he called on the Legislature to spend \$313 million to buy down health insurance premiums, putting Minnesota taxpayers on the hook .** (Ricardo Lopez, "Gov. Mark Dayton, Legislators Kick Off Session In Newly Refurbished Capitol," [Star Tribune](#), 1/4/17)
- **In contrast, we have a modest surplus in Medicaid while covering everyone living in poverty - all without putting the taxpayers at risk through a state exchange or taking the Obamacare Medicaid expansion.** According to the latest projections, Wisconsin will have a \$312.5 million surplus in Medicaid at the end of the 2015-17 biennium. (Linda Seemeyer, Letter to JFC, 12/30/16; Tom Kertscher, "Scott Walker Says His Actions Covered Everyone Living In Poverty With Medicaid For The First Time Ever," [Politifact Wisconsin](#), 9/2/15)
- **Health care systems in our state are ranked in the top three in the country.** ("Wisconsin, A State Snapshot, Performance of All States Across All Measures," National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report, [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#), 2014)