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Rusk County HHS  
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Wisconsin Public Health & Health Policy Institute  
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### Medicaid and BadgerCare Key Health Care Access Points

Medicaid and BadgerCare offer preventive, primary and acute health care services to low-income individuals who otherwise do not have access to adequate health care.

In January 2003, 617,000 Wisconsin residents – about half of them children – relied on these programs for health care. Of the total enrolled in the programs, more than 431,000 were from low-income families, with most of those families well below the \$28,200 maximum for family of three (185% of the federal poverty level). In 2001-02, these individuals represented almost 73 percent of total enrollment, but accounted for less than 28 percent of these programs' costs.

Medicaid and BadgerCare benefit more than the individuals relying on them for health care access. For example:

- **State Economy** – Because the federal government matches Medicaid and BadgerCare expenditures, each \$1 spent through these programs adds about \$2.50 into the state economy in federal dollars and creates jobs in the health care sector and beyond. In contrast, cutting these programs in 2003-05 could lead to 9,100 lost jobs and \$394 million in lost revenue.
- **Local Communities** – Medicaid and BadgerCare expenditures result in payments to local hospitals and physicians, healthier kids in schools, and reduced property tax burdens. Program cuts in these programs result in reduced local tax revenue. Healthier kids in schools reduce the burden on classroom teachers, school nurses, classmates and their families.
- **Employers** – Many adults in Medicaid and BadgerCare work in low-wage jobs that never have offered health insurance to their employees or their family members. With access to health care, these workers can be more productive and will not need to rely on hospital emergency rooms and other high cost care – costs that are then passed on to employers who do offer health insurance to their employees.

While the costs of Medicaid and BadgerCare have increased as program enrollments increase (due mostly to the faltering economy), spending for the health care services offered through these programs continues to produce highly cost-effective investments in the health of our workforce, our economy and the future of our children.

**For more information on how these programs help Wisconsinites, please contact us.**



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