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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING ON HEALTH CARE REFORM WITH REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK BENEDICT

Wednesday, May 9th
at the Beloit Public Library
7:00 - 8:00pm

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Feds Say NO to Wisconsin Seniors

On April 4, 2007, US Health and Human Services Secretary, Mike Leavitt, announced that he and the Bush Administration would not reinstate Wisconsin's Medicaid waiver for SeniorCare.

Instead the Bush Administration has made the decision to **force Wisconsin seniors to transfer from our successful SeniorCare program to the less efficient and more expensive Medicare Part D prescription drug program.**

This is clearly an issue of the Bush Administration putting politics before good public policy, and placing pharmaceutical profits before people. According to a September 2006 report from the office of Cong. Henry Waxman (D-CA), current Chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, in the first six months of 2006, when the Medicare Part D prescription drug program went into effect, **pharmaceutical company profits increased by over \$8 billion.** These profits were reaped right off the backs and out of the pocketbooks of America's senior citizens.

Governor Doyle and the State Legislature have promised that we will work together to ensure that we bring back the SeniorCare program in some form this year. It is simply a better deal for our seniors and for Wisconsin taxpayers.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to continue to voice your support for Wisconsin's SeniorCare program to the Bush Administration. Tell them that they still have time to change their minds about extending the waiver and saving hundreds of millions of your tax dollars in the process.

- Write or call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20201. Tell him you support Wisconsin's SeniorCare program and ask him to reconsider his decision and renew the waiver. You can call toll-free at 1-877-696-6775.
- Contact President Bush and ask him to show his support for Wisconsin's SeniorCare program and renew the waiver. You can contact President Bush by visiting the following website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>.

The Wisconsin Health Security Act

– A plan to provide health care to all

As health care costs continue to soar, more families are forced to do without health insurance or have inadequate coverage. In Wisconsin, almost 600,000 people do not have health insurance. By 2015, 20 cents of every dollar you earn will go toward health expenses. **We simply cannot afford the current system anymore.**

That's why I have introduced the **Wisconsin Health Security Act** that will **establish a single-payer health care plan that would provide basic comprehensive coverage for ALL Wisconsin residents.**

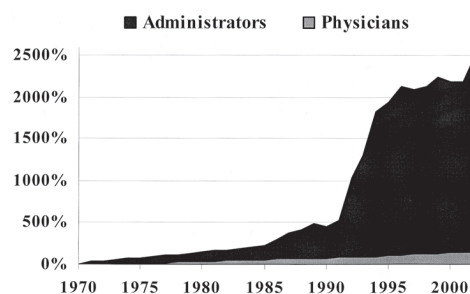
I believe that the current for-profit health system is broken. Too much emphasis is being placed on making money for shareholders instead of making sure that you and your family are receiving the health care that you pay top dollar for.

Wisconsin Health Security Act

Covers all medically necessary care, including:

- Office and hospital visits
- Preventative care
- Mental health
- Vision and dental
- Long-term care
- Prescription drugs

Growth in Physicians and Administrators since 1970



Source: BLS & Himmelstein/Woolhandler/Lewontin Analysis of CPS Data **WWSA**

Currently, 20% of every dollar you pay to your health insurance company goes to administrative costs and profits.

The Wisconsin Health Security Act will offer job flexibility and help to create jobs in Wisconsin. People will no longer have to choose jobs based on what kind of health insurance is offered, nor will they feel like they are stuck in a job they don't enjoy because they can't afford to lose the health insurance benefits. Farmers, small business owners and entrepreneurs will be able to work without having to worry about being one accident or illness away from losing everything they have.

To learn more about my plan, the Wisconsin Health Security Act, please join me at a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, May 9th from 7:00-8:00pm at the Beloit Public Library.



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BadgerCare PLUS

I agree with Governor Doyle that **"no child should ever be without health insurance"**. In his 2007-08 state budget proposal, Governor Doyle proposed the creation of a comprehensive health insurance program for low-income children and families called BadgerCare PLUS. This new program will merge existing programs into a comprehensive health insurance program to low-income children and families and will expand coverage to ensure coverage for all Wisconsin children. It will also provide

incentives for families to engage in "healthy living" behaviors to help families get healthy and stay healthy.

While I strongly believe that Wisconsin needs to move toward a single-payer health care system to provide affordable coverage to all Wisconsin residents regardless of income, the BadgerCare PLUS proposal is certainly a step in the right direction.

For more information on Governor Doyle's BadgerCare PLUS program, please go to:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/>