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Wisconsin Voters Don't Want to Lose Health Coverage. Yet 96,000 Will under Trump

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Each election season, Wisconsin draws reporters from around the world eager to dissect the views of voters in a state that is increasingly seen as not **only a bellwether** for national trends, but a political battleground on which the **fate of the nation** depends.

Yet despite our reputation as a battleground state, there is a surprising amount of agreement among Wisconsinites on a key issue of our day: **health insurance**. Over **two-thirds of voters** in our state support expanding eligibility for **BadgerCare**, the federal-state program that covers nearly 1.3 million low-income and disabled Wisconsinites, **including 3 in 8 children**.

Polling from last fall suggests that **seven in ten** Wisconsinites favor lowering the costs of what residents pay in healthcare costs and ensuring that all Wisconsin residents have access to affordable, comprehensive health-insurance coverage. That includes majorities of voters who identify as Democrats, Republicans, and Independents.