

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-122
BADGER CARE ELIGIBILITY CLIFF ELIMINATION

TO THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin administers Badger Care Plus, also sometimes informally referred to as just Badger Care, a program similar to Medicaid for groups of people who need healthcare coverage but may not qualify for Medicaid or need different kinds of services, and

WHEREAS, those individuals who do not qualify for Badger Care or Badger Care Plus face a benefits cliff, which can occur when a public support program is designed in such a way that, at a certain level of income, a small increase in earnings can result in a significant ineligibility for benefits, and

WHEREAS, this benefit cliff, in some instances, becomes a barrier for individuals seeking employment, or seeking better employment, and

WHEREAS, allowing individuals to work productively without harming their health benefits, not only reduces the cost of a benefit program, but also simultaneously improves the overall economic activity of a region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony Evers work cooperatively to eliminate the aforementioned benefit cliff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this benefit cliff be eliminated with a proportionate sliding fee scale, that as individuals and families earn additional dollars, there is a corresponding but smaller contribution amount toward their health insurance coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representatives Todd Novak, Sondy Pope, Davis Considine, Travis Tranel, Senators Howard Marklein, Jon Erpenbach, and Governor Tony Evers.

Respectfully Submitted,

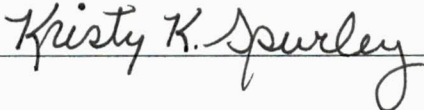
IOWA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of January, 2022.



John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chairman

Attested to by the County Clerk



Kristy K. Spurley