

RESOLUTION NO. 7-1019

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL MEDICAID EXPANSION

TO THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, all people deserve the opportunity to live in a State that creates conditions for everyone to be healthy; and

WHEREAS, public policy should strive toward the elimination of health disparities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to provide healthcare coverage to the State's most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, accepting Federal Medicaid expansion dollars will provide coverage to more than 82,000 Wisconsin residents living between 100 and 138 percent of the Federal poverty level, of which an estimated 272 are Iowa County residents; and

WHEREAS, an analysis undertaken by the Department of Revenue shows that, in Federal Fiscal Year 2020, Wisconsin residents will pay an estimated \$1.01 billion a year in Federal income taxes to support Medicaid expansion in the 37 states (including the District of Columbia) that have already extended Medicaid coverage, while Wisconsin is not currently reaping the benefits of Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to also support State and Federal investment in programs including Birth-to-Three, public health prevention, behavioral health services, crisis intervention, dental services, services to new mothers, long-term care programs, services to disabled children, and other opportunities that build a healthier Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, accepting Federal Medicaid expansion dollars will generate \$324.5 million in savings to the State and an estimated \$6 million for Iowa County, and;

WHEREAS, the \$324.5 million in generated savings by the State could be invested back into additional needs such as increased funding for rural hospitals, clinics and physicians, lead poisoning reduction, tobacco cessation programs, economic support services, and care coordination for social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, health and human services departments across Wisconsin believe the State has an exciting opportunity to invest in programs that will have a significant, positive impact on Wisconsin and Iowa County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors urges the State legislature to accept Federal Medicaid expansion dollars made available by the Affordable Care Act.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

IOWA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE