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Rep. Thiesfeldt Supports Special Session Action

Extends BadgerCare Coverage for 3 months

Madison, WI – Today, Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac), voted in favor of Special Session Assembly Bill 1 that grants an extension of healthcare coverage to a portion of the Wisconsin Medicaid (BadgerCare) population until March 31. This was necessary to mitigate the deficiency of the Obamacare website enrollment launch. The legislation provides a three month delay of the anticipated move of more than 72,000 state residents from BadgerCare onto the federal health care exchanges.

As of November 13th only 877 Wisconsin residents have been able to successfully navigate and enroll through the federal Healthcare.gov website. Currently those wishing to enroll have only until December 23 (previously Dec. 15) to be covered under the federal exchange by Jan. 1, 2014. For those required, failure to enroll in Obamacare could cause a fine from the federal government.

“This Special Session Bill will continue BadgerCare coverage to those awaiting the roadblock of the dysfunctional \$600 million Obamacare website. As a state, this is an appropriate move to protect our citizens from losing coverage due to a lack of planning and execution from the Obama Administration,” Thiesfeldt stated. “Unfortunately the failure of the Obamacare website has also caused an enrollment delay until April 1 for 83,000 childless adults currently on the BadgerCare waiting list.”

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