



SENATOR LENA TAYLOR

a Champion for...

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Health Care Reform

Restoring Family Care

Family Care has allowed over 55,000 elderly and disabled Wisconsinites receive the health care that they need. Thanks to Family Care's success, we have helped individuals lower their healthcare costs and live independent lives. Given the overwhelming public support of this program, Lena opposes the Republican-led efforts to change a program that we know works for Wisconsin.

Lena stood with Wisconsin's most vulnerable citizens and opposed these changes when they came before her on the Joint Committee on Finance and on the Senate floor. She will continue to fight for your right to live independently.

Expanding Access to Affordable Health Care

Health care needs to be accessible to all, not just a privileged few. Lena fought alongside Governor Doyle to expand coverage to all uninsured children and more pregnant women through the creation of BadgerCare Plus in 2007. BadgerCare Plus also provided Medicaid eligibility for adults up to the federal poverty line, making sure no one is left behind.

While we have achieved great strides, we must continue to fight for full and affordable coverage for all Wisconsinites. In 2015, Lena fought for a Medicaid expansion that would expand coverage for 152,000 Wisconsinites and save taxpayers \$400 million over the next two years.

Lena is outraged at Republicans continued refusal to expand Badger Care because of partisan games. Expanding Badger Care would cover [85,000 more people, save \\$86 million, and create 10,000 state jobs](#). In their refusal to accept federal money or create a Wisconsin healthcare exchange, the Governor and the

“Health care impacts all of us, even if it’s not ours. As the saying goes, a rising tide raises all boats”

--- Senator Lena Taylor



Partisan politics can raise your blood pressure, so don't forget to get tested regularly!

GOP have created a [healthcare crisis](#) that punishes our most vulnerable citizens.

Signing Up Uninsured Wisconsinites

Lena's office helped Milwaukee win the White House's Healthy Communities Challenge, by hosting open enrollment events. Out of 51,000 uninsured Milwaukee-area residents who were eligible to enroll, more than 38,000 signed up for health coverage. For the first time, more than 9 in 10 Americans have health insurance.

It is so important that we take care of our people, especially considering the racial disparities still widespread in health care. African American's have higher death rates at younger ages from heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, as well as higher risks for HIV infection, homicide, and infant mortality.

The Affordable Care Act has been a huge victory for health care access both across the nation and in our own community, and Lena's proud of the role that her team played in bringing health care coverage directly to the people of Milwaukee.

Public Education Awareness and Healthy Kids

One of the best ways to improve community health is to increase public awareness. Lena does her part by sponsoring a variety of health related awareness days, including National Immunization Month, Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Healthy kids are a priority for Lena. She introduced [Wisconsin Act 279](#) that requires an attending physician, midwife, or nurse-midwife who attended a birth to test for hearing loss. I am proud to have created this bill, which will help improve infant health in our community.

Healthy Youth Act: Lena's bill, which was signed into law by Gov. Doyle, increased the standards of sex education in Wisconsin to ensure public schools use medically accurate, age-appropriate programs that are proven to reduce teen pregnancy and STI rates. ([2009 AB 458](#))



Lena's Proven Leadership and Advocacy

[Authored 2013 Wisconsin Act 137](#) Created a workplace wellness program tax credit for small business who incentivize healthier living.

[2013 Wisconsin Act 186](#) prohibited insurance policies from charging more money for oral chemotherapy than traditional chemotherapy.

[2009 Wisconsin Act 346](#) required insurance companies that cover any surgical or diagnostic procedures to also cover colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests.

[2009 Wisconsin Act 279](#) Requires attending physician, midwife, or nurse-midwife who attended a birth to arrange a test for hearing loss for an infant within 30 days if the infant was not born in a hospital, or before hospital discharge.

[2013 Wisconsin Act 131](#) creates employment placement and support programs for individuals with mental health issues.

[2013 Wisconsin Act 130](#) improved mental health benefits under the Medical Assistance Program.

Introduced a variety of bills establishing awareness months for health issues including but not limited to, [National Immunization Month](#), [Brain Injury Awareness Month](#), and [World AIDS Day](#).

Experienced Leader who fights for access to health care.

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