

# a **CLOSER** **LOOK** at the *2015-17 State Budget*



## **DHS**

- DHS shall request a waiver from the federal government to expand FamilyCare statewide and to integrate Medicaid long-term and medical care services
  - Prior to waiver submission, DHS must consult with stakeholders and receive approval from JFC
  - Changes preserve ADRCs and self-direction
- Provides full funding and no changes to SeniorCare
- Provides \$15 million GPR and \$21 million FED annually for the DSH program, which provides increased reimbursement to hospitals that take on a higher percentage of Medicaid patients.
- Creates a dental services pilot project that will increase reimbursement levels for pediatric dental care and adult emergency dental services in Brown, Marathon, Polk and Racine Counties. The total state and federal investment is almost \$13.8 million over the biennium.
- Requires an independent assessment for personal care services under Medicaid, to ensure that the individual providing the services is not the same individual deciding the level of services. This will lead to an estimated \$7.5 million savings of state funds.
- Invests \$5 million in the creation of an advanced analytics system to combat Medicaid fraud. The new system will be aimed at identification verification of participants.
- Provides \$650 million GPR to fully fund Medicaid cost-to-continue. These expenditures will cover projected growth in caseload, primarily for BadgerCare plus participants, and increased costs for services. The additional funds for Medicaid represent two-thirds of all new GPR spending in this budget.
- Fights fraud in Medicaid and FoodShare through an additional \$500,000 investment to counties to enhance their investigatory activities.
- Increases funding to the Well Woman Program to help provide additional breast and cervical cancer screenings for low income women and the Mike Johnson life care and early intervention services grants that provides funding toward HIV/AIDS prevention and direct services.

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- Reforms the process for emergency detention procedures to require a mental health professional to conduct a crisis assessment before the individual is held. Increases funding by \$1.5 million for counties to implement these changes.
- Provides funding to Aging and Disability Resource Centers to pay for additional dementia care specialists.
- Requires DHS to submit a waiver to the federal government that would make the following changes to BadgerCare Plus: limit participation to 48 months, impose premiums, require health risk assessments, and impose higher premiums for those that engage in risky behaviors.