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### WISCONSIN MEDICAID PRE-ACA

“BadgerCare Plus” Medicaid waiver program covered parents w/household incomes up to 200% of FPL.

“BadgerCare Plus Core” covered childless adults up to 200% of FPL, but enrollment shut off in September 2009.

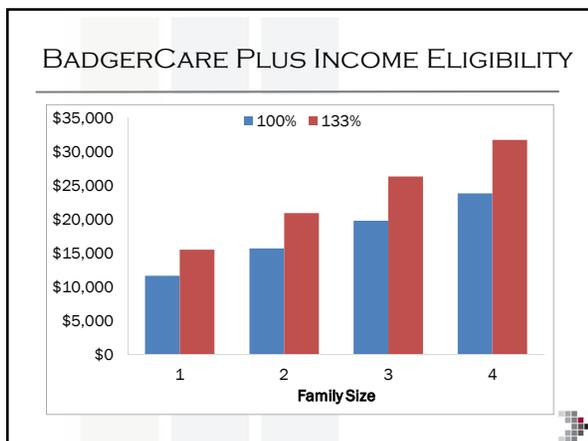
FMAP covers about 59% of Medicaid benefits in Wisconsin.

### WISCONSIN’S MEDICAID DILEMMA

State could receive 100% FMAP for childless adults through 2016 in return for covering parents up to 138% FPL.

From a financial perspective, would 100% FMAP for childless adults offset extra state share for parents between 100-138% FPL?

From a coverage perspective, would parents between 100-138% FPL sign up thru exchanges?



### WISCONSIN’S DECISION

Partial expansion – Medicaid eligibility set at 100% FPL, thus reducing it from 200% for parents but covering childless adults.

Walker Administration’s logic:

- Feds couldn’t be counted on to keep FMAP commitment; if feds renege, state would be hard-pressed to end coverage for those already receiving it.
- 87,000 people would lose Medicaid coverage but most would sign up for exchange; 82,000 would gain.

Opponents: State throwing away chance to save GPR and cover more people; could pull out if feds renege.

## WISCONSIN'S DECISION: OUTCOMES

98,000 childless adults added by late 2014 (far exceeding estimates), while 57,000 parents dropped. About a third of those dropped purchased insurance through exchanges.

LFB estimates Medicaid enrollment would have been 87,000 higher under full expansion.

LFB estimates State would have saved \$206 million in GPR and added \$561 million in FMAP under full expansion in 2013-15 biennium.

LFB estimates \$261-\$315 million GPR savings in 2015-17 biennium under full expansion.



## FULL MEDICAID EXPANSION

Current Law vs. Full Expansion: 2013-15 Biennium

