

People Can't Wait

Here is a summary of disability issues as proposed in the Governor's budget compared with the Joint Finance Committee majority budget proposal.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Governor's Proposal

DHS to fund a portion of the Medicaid crisis Intervention benefit. The non-federal share is currently funded entirely by counties.

Regional Crisis Stabilization Centers Grant Program **\$2.5 million**

Physician and Behavioral Health Services/ Non-institutional mental health payments **\$69,114,400**

Child Psychiatry Consultation Program **\$0**

Suicide Prevention Grant **\$0**

Joint Finance Committee Did

Same with an improvement in calculating the maintenance of effort by average county expenditures

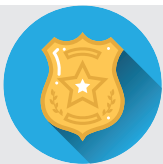
\$0

\$24.7 million

\$500,000

\$100,000

IMPACTS



- People in crisis will continue to be transported by law enforcement to Winnebago Mental Health Institute, far away from their support networks and local mental health providers.



- Additional investment is urgently needed to increase access to mental health services for Medicaid members. Rates have not increased in 11 years. Currently 49 of Wisconsin's 72 counties are designed as mental health provider shortage areas.



- Child psychiatry consultation program and suicide prevention grant were added.
- Medicaid expansion would provide access to Medicaid for many more Wisconsinites with a mental illness or other disability. Medicaid covers long term supports not covered by private insurance such as peer support, personal care, employment supports, case management, and programs such as Comprehensive Community Services.



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