

Governor Calls Special Session to Expand Access to Healthcare, Economic Recovery

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Evers' proposal calls for reinvesting BadgerCare expansion cost savings into economic development projects across the state.

MIDDLETON — Gov. Tony Evers announced Wednesday that he is calling a special session to expand BadgerCare and invest the \$1 billion in cost savings realized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into Wisconsin's economic recovery and more than 50 projects and economic development initiatives across the state. The governor this morning signed [Executive Order #116](#)

calling a special session of the Wisconsin State Legislature to take up [LRB-3568](#)

next Tues., May 25, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

The ARPA provides an additional, temporary fiscal incentive for states to adopt a provision to expand Medicaid. Under the ARPA, Wisconsin would realize an estimated cost savings of \$1.6 billion by expanding BadgerCare. Earlier this month, Republicans on the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee gutted nearly 400 provisions from Gov. Evers' Badger Bounceback agenda, his 2021-23 biennial budget, including a provision to expand BadgerCare.

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