

# \*Who's Who of decision makers



And what they will be deciding.

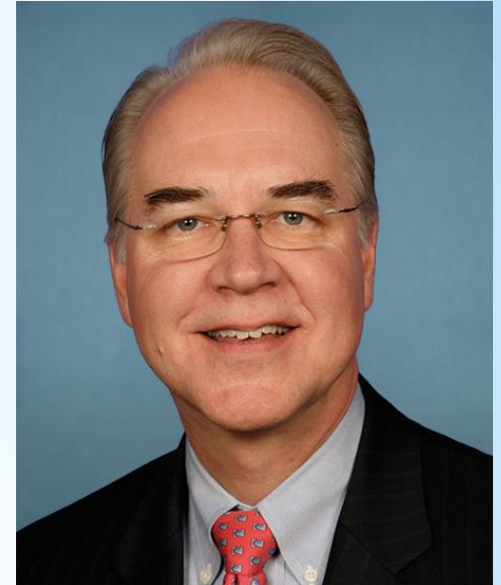
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## \* U.S. Department of Health Services

### \* U.S. Rep. Tom Price, Department Secretary

- \* Opponent of the Affordable Care Act.
- \* Has proposed conservative policies that emphasize eliminating much of the federal government's role in health care in favor of a free-market framework built on privatization, state flexibility and changes to the tax code.
- \* Wants to limit federal Medicaid spending and give states a lump sum, or block grant, and more control over how they could use it



### \* Seema Verma, Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) Director

- \* Has advised Republican states on adding conservative elements such as health savings accounts, employment requirements, and lockout periods for failure to pay premiums to their Medicaid waiver programs.



# \* Presidential Appointees

- \* States are required to provide certain services under Federal Medicaid law
- \* States can choose to provide additional optional services
- \* Wisconsin provides almost all optional services
- \* All services provided by Family Care and IRIS are optional Medicaid Services (HCBS waiver)

**\* How does Medicaid work now?**

# Mandatory Medicaid Services

- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) (for kids)
- **Nursing facility services\***
- Home health services
- Physician services
- Rural health clinic services
- Federally qualified health center services
- Laboratory and X-ray services
- Family planning services
- Nurse Midwife services
- Certified Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioner Services
- Freestanding Birth Center services
- Transportation to medical care
- Tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women
- Tobacco Cessation



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# Optional Medicaid Services

- Prescription drugs
- Clinic services
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech, hearing and language disorder services
- Respiratory care services
- Other diagnostic, screening, preventive and rehab services
- Podiatry services
- Optometry services
- Dental services
- Dentures
- Prosthetics
- Eyeglasses
- Chiropractic services
- Private duty nursing services
- Personal care
- Hospice
- Case management
- Services for Individuals Age 65 + in an IMD
- Other services approved by the Secretary
- TB Related Services
- Inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 21
- Services in ICF/ID
- Home and Community-Based Waivers – 1915(c)\*
- State Plan Home and Community Based Services -1915(i)\*
- Self-Directed Personal Assistant Services -1915 (j)\*
- Community First Choice Option - 1915 (k)\*



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- \* The federal government pays ~60% of whatever it costs to provide services to people in a Medicaid program (like Family Care or IRIS). The state pays the remaining 40%.
- \* Medicaid funding expands to cover more people if needed, and contracts if fewer people need services.
- \* Currently if a person meets the eligibility requirements (generally poverty, age, and/or disability), he or she is entitled to the services available under the state Medicaid program.



\* How does Medicaid work now?

- \* Block grants would give states a fixed amount of money to spend on Medicaid services and programs.
- \* If costs exceed the amount from the federal government, states could use state money to cover extra costs.
- \* Or states could make decisions to reduce Medicaid costs, so only block grant money pays for Medicaid programs.



**\* Medicaid Block grant proposal**

- \*To reduce Medicaid spending, states could
  - \*Limit or eliminate some services or supports
  - \*Restrict who is eligible for Medicaid
  - \*Add requirements, like cost-sharing, for participants
  - \*Eliminate entitlement to Medicaid
  - \*Establish wait lists for services
  - \*Cut reimbursement rates for providers
  - \*Or any number of other methods to save money in the Medicaid program

**\*What could Medicaid Block grants mean?**

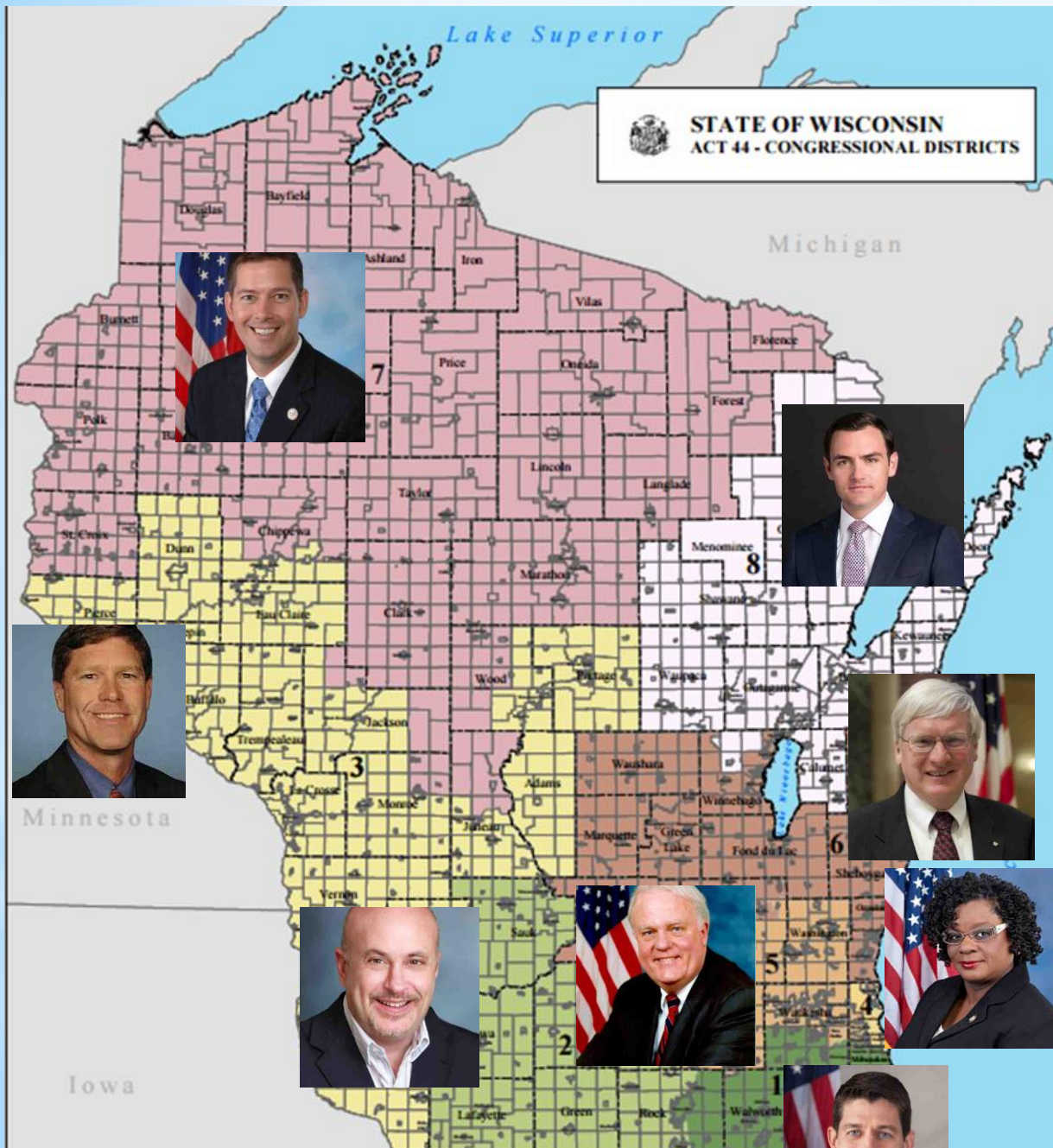


- \* Will I lose the services that help keep me in my home?
- \* If there's not enough money, will I have to be on a waiting list to get into Family Care or IRIS?
- \* Will I lose services I need like personal care, prescription drugs, and employment services?
- \* Will I be forced into an institution if I can't get the services I need to live in the community?
- \* Will I lose entitlement to Medicaid and lose access to all health care services?

**\* Questions to ask elected officials**

- \* Call both of your U.S. Senators (Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson) with your questions & concerns about Medicaid Block Grants*
- \* Call your U.S. Representative (see map, next slide or use the Find My Legislators button at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/> )*
- \* Request an in-district meeting with your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative*
- \* Attend your Congressional member's Town Hall Meetings to discuss how important Medicaid is in your life.*

**\*Take Action:  
Contact U.S. Senators & U.S.  
Representative**



President



Wisconsin U.S. Senators





- \* Event dates/times/locations (and contact information) often listed on Member's websites:
  - \* U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (<https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (<http://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/>)
  - \* Speaker Paul Ryan (<https://paulryan.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Jim Sensenbrenner (<https://sensenbrenner.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Gwen Moore (<https://gwenmoore.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Ron Kind (<https://kind.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Mark Pocan (<https://pocan.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Sean Duffy (<https://duffy.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Glenn Grothman (<https://grothman.house.gov/>)
  - \* U.S. Rep Mike Gallagher (<https://gallagher.house.gov/>)

# \* Congressional Town Hall Meetings



## Job Description: Wisconsin's Best Disability Advocate

Wisconsin is looking for...

- people with disabilities
- family members
- and advocates

...who want their communities to be better places for people with disabilities.

### Required Skills



- Ability to talk about disability issues – not just your own experiences.

- Willingness to develop relationships with policymakers.



- Ability to put politics aside and educate policymakers about disability issues.



### Job Duties:

- Introduce yourself to your two state legislators (Find My Legislators: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/>)



- Reach out to other people with disabilities – or to a disability organization to help you understand issues that are important to all people with disabilities.

- Ask your legislator where their favorite coffee shop is! Meet up!



- Educate yourself about what is in the state budget (in February) that impacts people with disabilities (Go to [www.survivalcoalitionwi.org](http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org))

# \* Remember your Job Description

- \* Plan on meeting with your **state** elected officials when they take office in January.

- \* Find your legislators at <http://legis.wisconsin.gov>

- \* Discuss your questions & concerns about Medicaid Block Grants, and to discuss how important Medicaid is in your life.

- \* Request an in-district meeting