



THE HEALTHCARE HEROES ACT

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WHY DO WE NEED THE HCHA?

Our country asks healthcare workers to take on unimaginable risks and make huge sacrifices every single day. But our federal government has failed to lead in this crisis, leaving the response to state governments and our employers. As a result, healthcare workers face dangerous and uncertain conditions, particularly during this pandemic. We deserve better. That's why we are calling on our state legislators to co-sponsor the "Healthcare Heroes Act" to make sure that all healthcare workers in our state have the tools we need to do our vital jobs protecting public health.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

All frontline healthcare and EMS workers in Wisconsin, including people who work in hospitals, clinics, homecare, labs, and nursing homes, no matter your job title (except supervisors and managers).

WHAT'S IN THE HCHA?

- **Hazard Pay:**
 - Healthcare workers who currently earn less than \$15/hour will receive an additional \$15/hour on top of their current wage.
 - Healthcare workers who currently earn more than \$15/hour will receive 1.5x their hourly rate of pay.
 - This applies during a gubernatorial-defined public health emergency.
- **Paid Sick Time:** Everyone covered by the HCHA will receive an additional 15 days of paid sick time from their employer if they contract a communicable disease.
- **Free COVID-19 Care:** All insurance carriers will be mandated to cover 100% of expenses of COVID-19 testing and treatment for healthcare workers.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** The bill accepts federal Medicaid money made available to states under the Affordable Care Act to expand BadgerCare health insurance coverage.

WHAT ABOUT PPE?

PPE starts with production and supply chains. That's an issue that the federal government should -- and can -- take up. The Trump administration could have -- and should have -- activated the Defense Production Act to mobilize production capacity and create a rational supply chain.

However, the WI State government CAN regulate reporting and transparency from healthcare institutions. Healthcare workers and patients can't allow hospitals and nursing homes to choose how they report and what they report. That doesn't require legislation -- it's something State health agencies could start developing tomorrow. And we're calling on Governor Evers to do just that.