Wisconsin Office of the COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

2026 Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan Annual Forum

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1332 State Innovation Waiver (1332 Waiver)

- Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to apply for exceptions from certain ACA provisions
- The Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan (WIHSP) operates under a 1332 Waiver and 2017 WI Act 138
- Initial 1332 Waiver and Extension
  - Initial waiver: January 2019 through December 2023
  - 5-year extension: January 2024 through December 2028
  - Second extension: January 2029 through December 2033

Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan (WIHSP): What is it?

Goal: create a stable individual insurance market where individuals have a choice of health plans with affordable premiums

How: WIHSP reimburses insurers for a portion of the high cost claims they paid for individuals in a given plan year

- 15 individual market insurers
- Payment parameters are established to define the portion of costs that are reimbursed
- Payment parameters can change from year to year and are established by May 15th before the applicable plan year

Funding: federal pass-through funds and state General Purpose Revenue (GPR)

- Pass-through funds represent the estimated federal savings available from reduced premiums
  - Reduced premiums means the federal government pays less in premium tax credits
- WIHSP is currently limited to $265 million *(state & federal funds)*

WIHSP Example: Plan Year 2025

PY 2025 by the Numbers:

$50,000 attachment point (minimum claims)

43% coinsurance (program share)

$157,471 cap (maximum claims)

$257,162,295.36 million in WIHSP claims filed for PY 2025

- $223.3M in federal pass-through funds; $33.9 million in general purpose revenue (GPR)
  - PY 2025 federal pass-through is $255.8 million

PY 2025 payments will be made to insurers following an initial audit of the claim filings, but no later than August 15, 2026

WIHSP: Payment to Insurers

Plan Year	Total WIHSP Claims (millions)	Federal Funding (millions)	State Funding (millions)
2019*	$174.0	$127.0	$47.0
2020*	$183.0	$142.0	$42.0
2021**	$203.0	$229.0	$0
2022***	$230.7	$208.3	$21.7
2023	$210.0	$213.5	$0.0
2024***	$256.8	$199.1	$30.9
2025****	$257.2	$223.3	$33.9
2026	Unknown until 5/2027	$255.8	Unknown until 5/2027

**WIHSP Statutory Cap for PY 2019 through PY 2021 was $200 million.*

***OCI received Joint Committee on Finance approval to fund the PY 2021 $3.0 million overage. Unspent federal funds were carried over to the next plan year.*

****The Statutory Cap of $230 million was exceeded in PY2022 and PY2024. Insurer payments were reduced by .305% and 10.43%, respectively, to meet the $230 million limit.*

*****The Statutory Cap was raised to $265 million for payments in PY2025 and thereafter.*

WIHSP: Individual Market Impact

Member Premium Changes with and without Reinsurance

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Member Premium Change *with* Reinsurance	-3.3%	-3.2%	-3.4%	-0.3%	7.6%	6.1%	8.2%	22.3%
Member Premium Change *without* Reinsurance	7.8%	9.3%	10.4%	14.8%	21.4%	18.2%	19.5%	39%
Impact of Reinsurance	-10.3%	-11.4%	-12.5%	-13.2%	-11.4%	-10.2%	-9.5%	-12%

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Service Area Expansion

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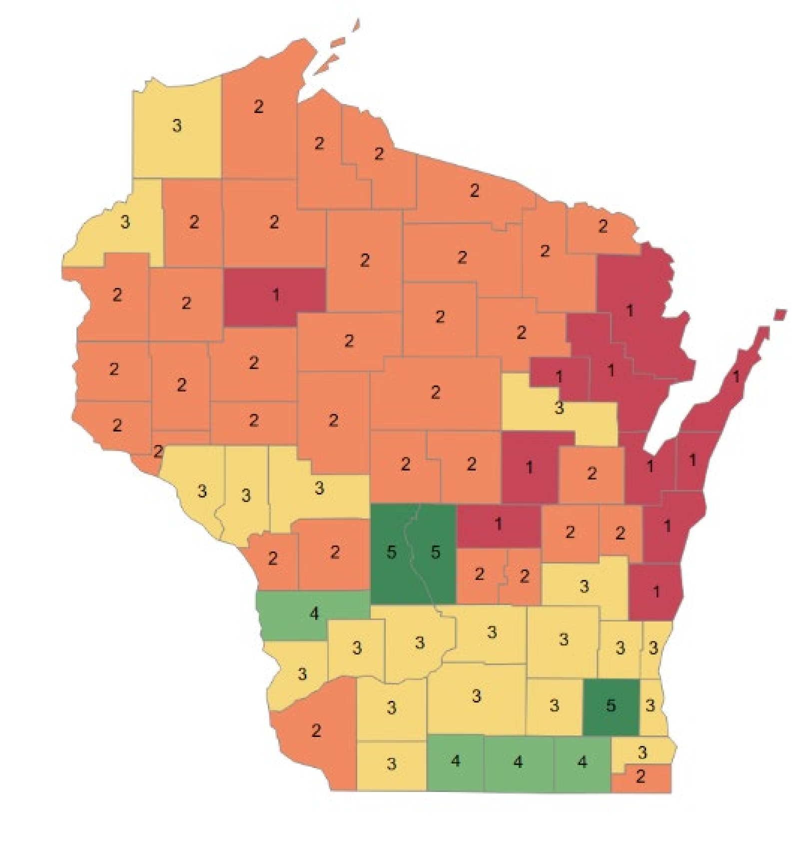

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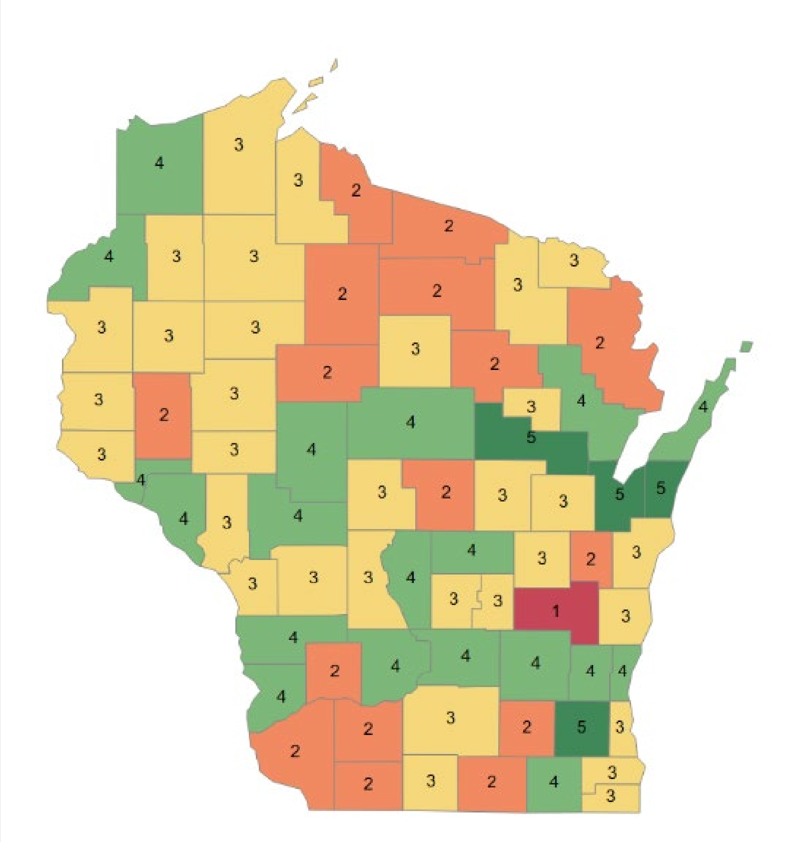

Links & Resources

WIHSP information is available on the OCI website: oci.wi.gov/WIHSP

Send comments or questions to:

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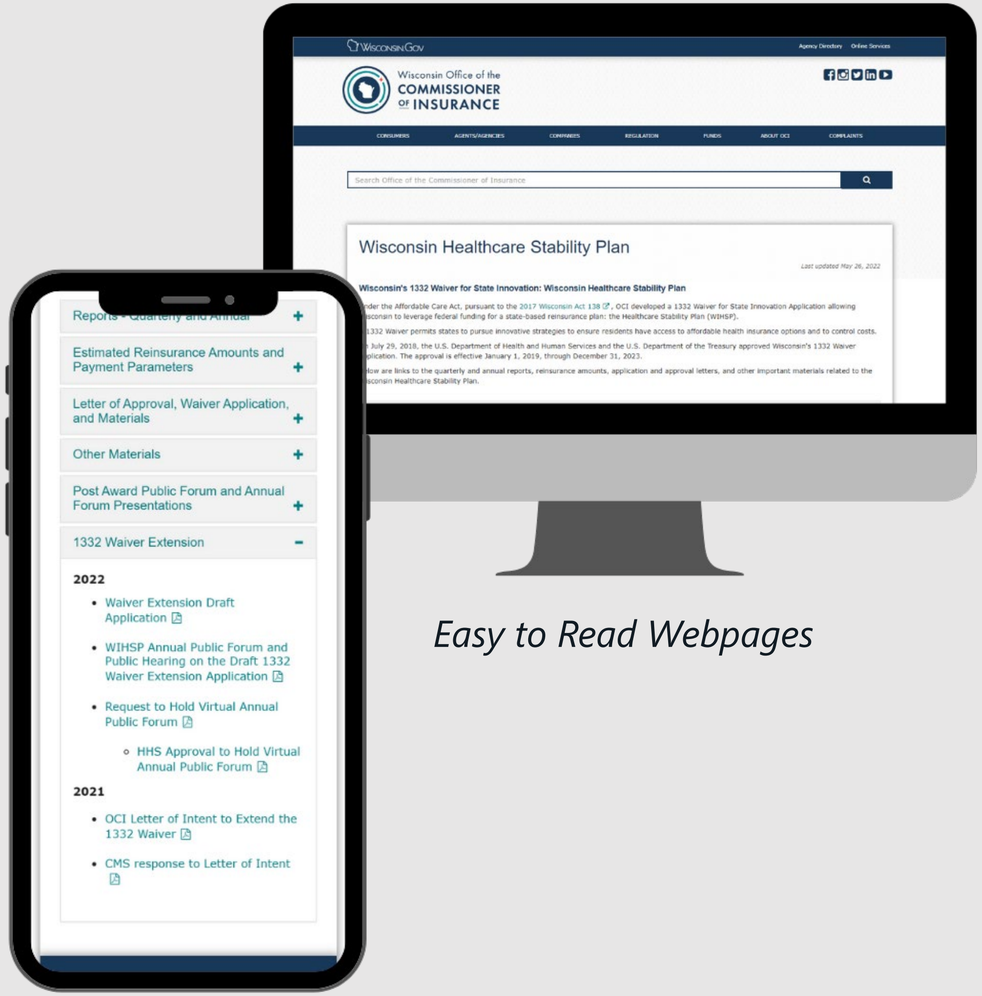

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