

Wisconsin's Hidden Health Care Tax

Increasing Your Health Care Costs



Wisconsin's Hidden Health Care Tax Tops \$450 Million



In Wisconsin, at least 20 percent of your health care bill covers our state's Hidden Health Care Tax.

What is the Hidden Health Care Tax? It's simple.

Wisconsin has some of the lowest Medicaid reimbursements in the nation. Hospitals in Wisconsin only receive 55 percent of what it costs to provide care for the poor.

In 2004, that was a \$450 million shortfall.

And guess who paid it — you. In the form of Wisconsin's Hidden Health Care Tax.

As your premiums keep going up, part of those increases are directly linked to costs being shifted to private employers when the government doesn't pay its bills. And, for every insured family in the state an extra \$326 a year is paid in higher premiums due to cost shifting. So, both you and your employees are paying part of the hidden tax.



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