Wisconsin has received federal approval of changes to its Medicaid program that include requiring work for some enrollees and charging higher premiums based on the results of a health risk assessment. The approved waiver centers on childless adults applying for and receiving coverage through the public health insurance program. According to The Washington Post, Wisconsin also had originally sought to become the first state in the nation to impose drug tests on some of its Medicaid population. This requirement did not receive federal approval.

The state, however, can compel applicants to fill out a health-and-wellness questionnaire. The premiums charged to childless adults will vary depending on responses to questions such as whether they wear a seat belt, smoke cigarettes or use illegal drugs.

Wisconsin also joins Indiana and three other U.S. states with some type of Medicaid work requirement in place. (Kentucky’s law has been blocked by a federal judge.) According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio and South Dakota have similar proposals being considered by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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