

Biennial Budget/Public Health Issues Resolution
For the 2007-09 State Biennial Budget

Approved by the Wisconsin Public Health Council August 10, 2007

WHEREAS, the Public Health Council recognizes its statutory duty to advise the Governor, the Legislature and the public on matters pertaining to the State Health Plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public*, and on emergency preparedness issues;

The Public Health Council supports the following three-part resolution to advise the current Conference Committee of the Senate and the Assembly:

1. **Medicaid-related fiscal issues:** The Public Health Council supports Governor's Doyle's provisions related to the Health Care Quality Fund;
2. **Tobacco control program grants:** The Public Health Council reiterates its support for previous Public Health Council resolutions to increase the sales tax on cigarettes by \$1.25 per pack; and to direct revenue generated by such a price increase to support a comprehensive tobacco control effort; and that such a comprehensive tobacco control effort should meet minimum funding standards of \$30 million per year established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
3. **Program administration reorganization for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program:** The Public Health Council supports creation of a new Department of Children and Families, but supports a state administrative structure in which WIC remains in the Department of Health and Family Services.