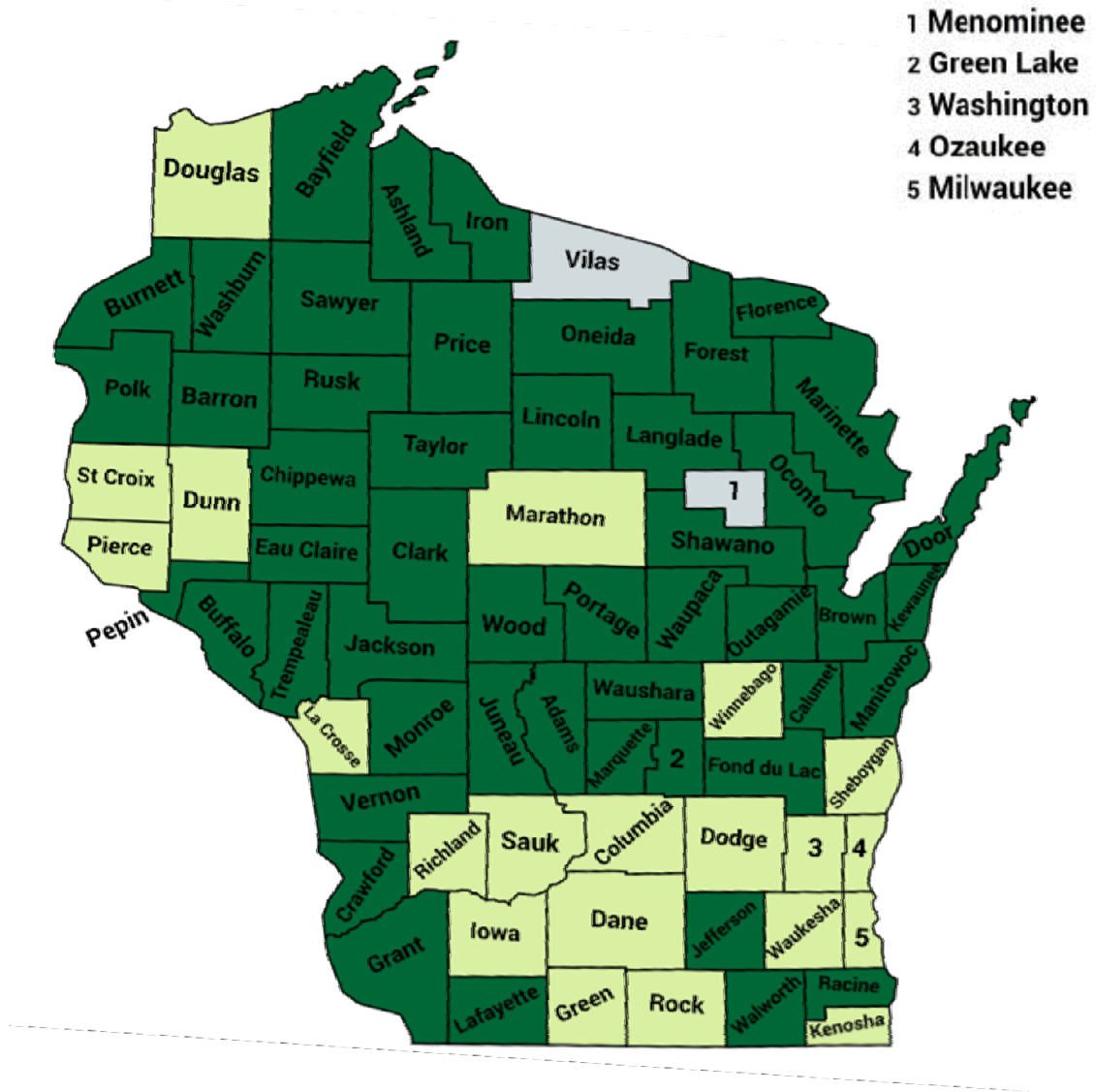


Wisconsin Medicaid Labor Regions



- 1 Menominee
- 2 Green Lake
- 3 Washington
- 4 Ozaukee
- 5 Milwaukee

Legend

- Labor Region Factor less than 1
- Labor Region Factor 1 or greater
- No facility in county



Move Labor Region Floor to Statewide Factor of 1.0

Background:

Currently there are 16 labor regions in Wisconsin. Originally these Labor Regions were established to direct higher reimbursement to higher cost wage regions. In recent years, modifications in state budgets have changed the geographic boundaries of these labor regions.

The Problem:

100% of Medicaid days in Wisconsin in 2018-19 were underreimbursed. Facilities, on average, lose \$70-\$80 per resident, per day for a Medicaid resident. Since 2016, 41 Nursing Facilities have closed, due largely to inadequate reimbursement. Direct Care Workforce shortages amplify the funding problem as Nursing Facilities are not able to pay competitive wages for skilled Direct Care Staff.

The Solution:

Adjust all Medicaid labor regions so that no region falls below the statewide factor of 1.0. In order to achieve this without a redistribution of funds (i.e., without creating winners and losers), an investment in the next biennium of \$3.6 million GPR is requested. This investment would increase the likelihood that Direct Care Workers in rural areas could be employed and paid at a more competitive wage.

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