



## Top Stories

### Save the Date: EMS Day at the Capitol

Join us at EMS Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 2nd. It's a day when EMS departments, from rural to urban, can talk with their state legislators and share issues and policies that are important to them. We'll have more details on the day soon, but you can **register now**.



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### State Lawmakers Propose Tax Break for Caregivers

A bipartisan group of state lawmakers is introducing a plan that would give family members a tax break to offset the out-of-pocket costs of caregiving, **reports Wisconsin Public Radio**. The tax credit would cover various expenses, including home improvements needed for mobility or safety, legal or financial services, or a personal care attendant. Governor Evers announced this week that he has **commissioned a task force** to examine caregiving in the state.



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### New Report Asks: Is It Time for a New Municipal Financing Framework in Wisconsin?

Cities and villages in Wisconsin rely more heavily on property taxes than any other state in the Midwest, and to a greater degree than most states nationally, according to a new report by the nonpartisan, independent Wisconsin Policy Forum. Read the full report [here](#), executive summary [here](#), or view the interactive data [here](#).

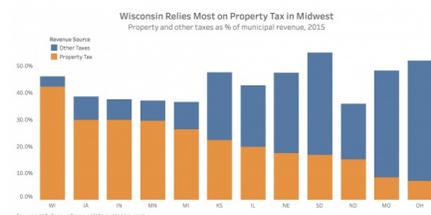


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## More News

- The OB-GYN shortage is impacting rural women in Wisconsin, [reports WAOW](#).
- When a rural hospital closes, ambulance transport times increase, according to a [new study from the University of Kentucky](#).
- A new report examines Medicaid expansion across all fifty states, and [what a Medicaid expansion would mean for Wisconsin](#).
- Governor Evers' upcoming budget proposal will include initiatives aimed at [improving women's access to preventative care](#).
- Northern counties are [asking for more money](#) to accommodate heavier caseloads and costs for child protective services.

## Funding & Opportunities

- Local government agencies or affiliated 501(c)(3)s engaged with parks and recreation can [apply for grants](#) to expand farmers markets, plan meal programs, or address transportation and infrastructure needs. (Deadline: March 6th)
- [Apply to participate](#) in Wisconsin Zero Suicide Training from Mental Health America of Wisconsin. (Applications due: March 15th)
- [Funding](#) from the Wisconsin DATCP will help farms and business produce, process, market and distribute food in local markets. (Deadline: March 20th)
- [SAFER Grants](#) will provide fire departments, governments, or tribal organizations with financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters (Deadline: March 22nd)
- SAMHSA will [fund programs](#) to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults in communities throughout the nation. (Deadline: March 22nd)
- [Funding](#) to rural hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, and more to develop new rural residency programs or rural training tracks in family medicine, internal medicine, and psychiatry. (Deadline: March 25th)

## Events

- Feb 22nd: [Legislative Listening Sessions in Kaukauna and Ashwaubenon](#)
- Feb 27th: [Webinar: What You Need to Build a Telemedicine Program That Lasts](#)
- Feb 26th: [Webinar: Creating and Maintaining Partnerships with Philanthropies](#)
- Feb 28th: [Shawano and Waupaca Counties Rural Palliative Care Coalition](#)



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