

Critics of Wisconsin governor Scott Walker's first State of the State address last night largely seem to share a common complaint: No specifics. The governor mentioned sacrifice but not necessarily where cuts in government will be made. But, while in La Crosse yesterday, the governor did seem to hint that cuts in Medicaid spending are inevitable. Although, Walker says, there's a place for programs like Badgercare among "the neediest of the needy" and those who need a safety net of healthcare. But, as Walker has repeated since his campaign for governor, he doesn't think state-provided health care should be a permanent state entitlement and recipients need to be transitioned into privately-provided health insurance eventually.