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Republican Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin speaks during the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S., February 23, 2017. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts
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 Wisconsin Approves Drug Testing For Food Stamps But Needs Trump To Allow It
 GOP Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is moving forward on a program that will drug test some food stamp and welfare recipients.

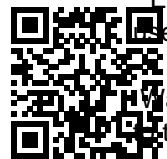
It's unclear whether the federal government will allow the measure to go into effect, and it may need a change in federal law.

"Employers have jobs available, but they need skilled workers who can pass a drug test," Walker said in a statement. "This rule change means people battling substance use disorders will be able to stay sober and they can get back into the workforce."

Walker's drug testing program will probably affect about 2,100 people. Unless the federal government approves a \$67,400 federal welfare program, the state will have to pay for the program. The Walker administration says people failing a drug test, they would not receive food stamps but would be eligible for state-sponsored drug testing.

Wisconsin is one of 11 states to propose drug testing for food stamps, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program, but Wisconsin would be the first to start the program. If the state legislature doesn't block the measure in 120 days, the program could go into effect in late 2018.

The plan would cost \$867,000 to treat the 224 people the Walker administration expects to test positive each year. The state, federal government and private insurers would share some of those costs.



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When Wisconsin and states have proposed limitations on food stamps in the past -- like drug testing or preventing welfare dollars from being used on sugary foods and soft drinks -- the federal courts and the government have blocked the rules from going into effect.

Kevin Concannon, an appointee of former President Barack Obama and current undersecretary at the federal Food and Nutrition Service within the Department of Agriculture, said the proposal would not fare any better than previous state-level changes to the food stamps program.

"The law clearly does not allow it," Concannon told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The governor's office "forwarded that request to us and it was very clear, we consulted the legal counsels here and the law absolutely does not allow it," Concannon said.

The plan already has attracted opponents to promise legal challenges to the proposal, and welfare advocacy groups say the program doesn't address the right problem.