

Walker Turns Down Fed Money

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(AP) Gov. Scott Walker says he will turn down \$37 million from the federal government that had been awarded to help implement health care exchanges under President Barack Obama's health care reform law. Walker announced in December that Wisconsin would not pursue implementing the exchange until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of the law. But he did not say whether the state would take the money. On Wednesday Walker said he was notifying the federal government that it was turning down the Early Innovator Grant, saying it didn't make sense to commit to reforms that could have a devastating economic impact.

The exchanges are designed to help consumers and small businesses compare health plans and increase competition by requiring insurers to offer more plans and provide more information.