



Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care

RESOLUTION

In Support of Continuing Statewide Implementation of Family Care, IRIS, PACE and Partnership

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WHEREAS Family Care was initiated in 1999 by Governor Tommy Thompson to provide greater choices to long-term care consumers, and to provide more cost-effective long-term care services, and

WHEREAS an independent assessment by APS Healthcare in 2005 found that Family Care had a high consumer satisfaction rate, and saved the state's Medical Assistance program on average \$452 per person per month, and

WHEREAS Family Care and IRIS have been fully or partially implemented in all but 15 counties in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS a Legislative Audit Bureau report indicates that Family Care "has improved access to long-term care by allowing participants to avoid institutional care, and in many instances, to remain in their own homes..." and that "the implementation of this large, complex program has generally proceeded as planned...", and

WHEREAS the Council supports the Department of Health Services' commitment to address areas of concern identified in the Legislative Audit Bureau's Evaluation Report and the Family Care Financial Evaluation completed by APS Healthcare, and

WHEREAS the cap on long term care will result in cost-shifting in the form of increased nursing home admissions, hospitalizations, admissions to psychiatric facilities, admissions to correctional facilities, and Medicaid card costs, and

WHEREAS Family Care holds the promise of eliminating waiting lists, reducing institutional care, reducing other Medical Assistance costs, such as hospitalization and emergency care use, and

WHEREAS Family Care continues to be a cost-effective model for long-term care reform in Wisconsin and the Country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care urges the Governor, the Department of Health Services, and the Legislature to lift the caps and continue statewide implementation of Family Care, IRIS, PACE and Partnership on its original schedule in the 2011-2013 state budget.

Adopted at the May 3, 2011 Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care in Madison, Wisconsin.