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Governor's Budget Proposal Helps People with Alzheimer's Disease

Milwaukee, WI – March 1, 2019 - The Alzheimer's Association thanks Governor Tony Evers for including several items in his budget proposal that will help persons living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their professional and family caregivers.

"The expansion of the dementia care specialists program to all aging and disability resource centers in the state is a cost-effective way to assist individuals with Alzheimer's to maintain the highest quality of life possible while remaining in their homes," said Michael Bruhn, Alzheimer's Association State Public Policy Director.

Governor Evers budget also included funding for an Academic Detailing training pilot program in dementia with the goal of improving patient care, and would establish five regional crisis stabilization facilities to help individuals in crisis and reduce involuntary commitments. The Governor's proposed budget would expand the definition of a crisis to include substance abuse and dementia, which would greatly reduce the number of individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia being taken to state run institutions.

"We appreciate the efforts of Governor Evers to address the important needs faced by people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias," continued Bruhn. "As a CDC identified public health crisis, there is more that needs to be done to respond to the growing cost and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease. We look forward to working with the Joint Finance Committee and the entire state legislature to ensure that Wisconsin provides the necessary resources to individuals with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For more information about Alzheimer's disease

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