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LeadingAge Wisconsin Applauds Joint Finance Committee's Actions on Medicaid Long Term Care

LeadingAge Wisconsin voices its strong support of the actions taken by the Joint Finance Committee in approving budget adjustments for long term care and services funded under the Medicaid and Family Care programs. The Committee's actions embraced many of the positive items as recommended by the Governor, including the approval of the nursing home and personal care Medicaid rate increases and offered other helpful additions to the budget such as critically necessary increases to the Family Care and dementia care specialists program.

"The Committee fully recognized the need to target state resources to address the long term care workforces challenges and improve access to needed care and services," said John Sauer, LeadingAge Wisconsin President/CEO. "The people who provide daily care and services for our State's elderly and persons with a disability are especially appreciative of these efforts."

The Joint Finance Committee and the Governor are to be commended for taking these important steps in the budget process.

LeadingAge Wisconsin is a statewide membership organization of not-for-profit corporations principally serving older adults and persons with a disability. Membership is comprised of 152 religious, fraternal, private, and governmental organizations which own, operate and/or sponsor 163 nursing homes, 7 facilities for the developmentally disabled, 88 residential care apartment complexes (RCACs), 105 community based residential facilities (CBRFs), 11 adult family homes, 93 senior housing facilities, and more than 300 community service agencies which provide programs such as Alzheimer's support, adult day care, home health, hospice, home care, and meals on wheels. In addition, several for-profit organizations subscribe to the services the association provides. All totaled, LeadingAge Wisconsin, the State's largest full continuum association, serves 562 long-term care, assisted living, senior housing, and other community-based providers principally serving older adults and individuals with a disability. LeadingAge Wisconsin members employ over 38,000 people who provide compassionate care and service to over 48,000 individuals each day.