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Wisconsin's Residential Providers Caring for Persons with Disabilities wish to say...

THANK YOU!!

Thank You to the Legislators that Championed this Cause
Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield) & Representative Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah)

Thank You to the Members of Joint Finance Committee
Special Thanks to Rep. Nygren, Sen. Darling and Rep. Loudenbeck

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!" Stated Dan Drury, President of the Residential Services Association of Wisconsin. "The long-term care profession is facing major workforce challenges and any dollars that can be directed at this crisis and its caregivers is greatly appreciated. I recognize this is a big investment by our legislature"

The legislature's Joint Finance Committee on Thursday voted 12-4 to provide an additional \$25 million (GPR) \ \$35 Million (FED) to Family Care in the 2017-19 state biennium. Combined this would provide an increase of more than \$60 million to increase the direct care portion of the Family Care capitation rates in recognition of the direct caregiver workforce shortages.

The budget motion directs the Wisconsin Department of Health Services DHS to work with managed care organizations and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop an allowable payment mechanism to increase the direct care portion of the capitation and to implement the plan by Dec. 31, 2017. The intent of this proposal is to assist long-term care providers with the direct caregiver shortages.

The provision was included in a Republican-authored omnibus motion that encompasses various Wisconsin Department of Health Services budget items.

The Residential Services Association of Wisconsin (RSA Wisconsin) is a not-for-profit membership and service organization comprised of operators of all community living arrangements and interested agencies and citizens throughout the State of Wisconsin.

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