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Rep. Pronschinske Applauds Joint Finance Committee

Madison – For the 2019-2021 budget the Committee on Joint Finance has voted to increase nursing reimbursement rates. Representative Pronschinske (Mondovi-R) is pleased that the committee took this stance on Tuesday June 4th.

The Committee on Joint Finance voted to increase the medical assistance program cost-to continue by \$356.1 million. Within this package, nursing home reimbursement rates will be increased by \$47.6 million over the next two years. In addition, they voted to increase the personal care rate by \$90.4 million. This will change the current rate of \$16.73 to new hourly rate of \$18.24 starting July 1, 2019. Personal care increase is about 9% in the first year. Governor Evers' budget only increased personal care rates \$7M over the biennium.

“In a rural district like mine it is important to ensure that nursing homes and caregivers are adequately funded. I believe in the value and importance of being able to keep our loved ones near to us. Joint Finance’s commitment to improve these services and to increase their funding is a big win for the 92nd district. The people who do these jobs are extremely dedicated and committed to serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Without their passion for helping others, many of us would suffer. ”

This is the first step in the budget process. It will soon be heading to both chambers of the legislature and then onto the Governor’s desk to be signed or vetoed.

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