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Darling Statement on Family Care

Madison - On Friday, the Co-Chair of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement regarding the future of the state's Family Care program.

"Family Care is a very popular and important program utilized by thousands of families in our state. I appreciate the massive amount of work put into the concept paper by the department, advocates, and stakeholders over the past year.

The original intent of the legislation was to find a way to provide better health care outcomes through integrated care and ensure the long-term sustainability of this vital program. I, along with my Senate colleagues on Joint Finance, are committed to these goals and look forward to working with all interested stakeholders to find the best path forward.

We can be under no illusion that the program is sustainable in its current form. In the last budget, most of the new \$1 billion in new revenue went to Medicaid. We must find a way to reform Family Care so it is available for families in the future."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

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