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## **State Budget Makes Historic Investments in Long-Term Care**

(Madison, WI) LeadingAge Wisconsin thanks the Legislature and Governor Evers for the significant investments in long-term care (LTC) programs and services contained in the 2021-23 State Budget.

The budget signed into law today by Governor Evers reflects our state lawmakers' and the Administration's recognition of the workforce and funding crisis that long-term care providers are challenged with every day. "Throughout the last year, these challenges were magnified in the presence of a pandemic, and we appreciate the recognition and positive action that was taking in the budget to invest in our skilled nursing facilities and support our Family Care providers", said LeadingAge Wisconsin President/CEO, John Sauer. "This significant two-year investment will help tremendously in supporting the future viability of our skilled nursing facilities and continued access to high quality care and services for the elderly".

The State Budget provides \$356.6 million in funding for long-term care, including increases for nursing home care, home and community-based services under the Family Care program and personal care workers. These funding increases could not have come at a better time for our long-term care system. Already facing a workforce crisis and underfunding challenges, and battling through the pandemic, utilization of our long-term care system will dramatically increase as the number of Wisconsinites over the age of 85 is projected to more than double over the next twenty years.

"On behalf of the mission driven LTC providers in our state who are committed to providing exceptional care, we would like to thank the Legislature and the Governor for their actions and making increased funding a priority in the Wisconsin State Budget", said Sauer.

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