



Governor Walker Administration Prioritizes Direct Caregivers in Agency Budget Request - Assisted Living Profession Grateful

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The Wisconsin Assisted Living Association (WALA) is grateful that the Department of Health Services has included in its 2019-2021 state agency budget request a continuation of the Family Care “Direct Care Workforce Funding Initiative.”

Family Care is a state program that helps frail elders and adults with disabilities receive the services they need in the long-term care continuum. The Direct Care Workforce Funding Initiative was created by the State Legislature and Governor Walker in the 2017-19 biennial budget to help address the long-term care workforce crisis.

“The Direct Care Workforce Funding Initiative has been and continues to be a priority to assisted living providers, as Wisconsin continues to face a crisis in the shortage of available frontline caregivers,” stated Michael Pochowski, CEO of WALA. “We applaud the inclusion and continuation of this critically needed caregiver initiative in the department budget request.”

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WALA, the Wisconsin Assisted Living Association is the premier statewide association for Wisconsin’s assisted living industry. WALA represents the majority of Wisconsin’s assisted living providers and their residents, with over 1,500 members. WALA promotes standards of quality care and provides valuable member services to organizations providing assisted living services. WALA leads the profession with educational programs, professional products and tools, and other member quality resources.

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