RESOLUTION NO. 24-08-2019

A RESOLUTION ASKING GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM FEDERAL RULES EXCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL STAYS FROM MEDICAID COVERAGE

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, federal rules exclude patients age 22-64 years of age from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), resulting in high costs to Wisconsin counties for individuals with mental illness who require short-term placement; and

WHEREAS, the IMD rule works against the provision of necessary health care treatment, and path to recovery, for young and middle-aged adults with brain disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an invitation to states to apply for a waiver of this exclusion, allowing states to receive federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee considered and hereby recommends urging the Governor and the Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 20th day of August 2019, that the Board urges the Governor and Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion to allow federal reimbursement of short term acute care and transition planning for persons with serious and persistent mental illness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kewaunee County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Joel Kitchens, Senator André Jacque, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

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