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BAYFIELD COUNTY

Resolution

No. 2017-42

Request to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

WHEREAS, Bayfield County Wisconsin has only one Nursing Home in the County; *and*

WHEREAS, Northern Lights Health Care is a non-profit, five-star facility providing skilled nursing care to Bayfield County and surrounding communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is the highest Medicaid shortfall state in the nation with an average shortfall of $56.01 per person per day; *and*

WHEREAS, Medicaid allowable reimbursements in Wisconsin cover 75% of costs for Medicaid patients, this is also the lowest in the United States; *and*

WHEREAS, since 2012 Medicaid allowable costs have increased 13% while Medicaid rates have only increased 3.4%; *and*

WHEREAS, 371 out of 371 nursing facilities in Wisconsin received a payment in 2015-2016 that failed to meet the cost of care provided to Medicaid residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Counties in NW Wisconsin have populations above both the state and national average age levels; *and*

WHEREAS, the population of those over 65 in Bayfield County will grow 46% between 2015 and 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, the population of those over 85 in Bayfield County will grow 35% between 2015 and 2025; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 20th day of June, 2017, does hereby request that the State of Wisconsin increase Medicaid ~~payments~~ reimbursements to non-profit nursing homes to ensure critical coverage can be provided to county residents.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M Pocernich

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2017-42, Volume 25, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 20th day of June, 2017.

Scott S. Fibert

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk