

RESOLUTION NO. 9-17

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE
INCREASE NURSING HOME MEDICAID FUNDING**

WHEREAS, approximately 65 percent of nursing home residents in Wisconsin are Medicaid recipients,
and

WHEREAS, there is an overall Medicaid deficit of \$345.6 million between the costs incurred by
Wisconsin nursing homes to provide services and what they actually receive in reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, the average nursing home in Wisconsin loses \$55.89 each day for each Medicaid resident
cared for, and

WHEREAS, Harbor Haven Health & Rehabilitation lost \$56.44 per Medicaid resident per day, the
equivalent of \$1.4 million, in fiscal year 2015-2016, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin nursing homes and assisted living facilities are in a major workforce crisis with
one out of every seven positions vacant, and

WHEREAS, the high reliance on insufficient Medicaid funding makes it tremendously difficult to compete
in the tight labor market, and

WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation between quality staffing and quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors urges
Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to provide sufficient Medicaid funding for nursing homes and
assisted living facilities in the 2017-2019 state budget to help address the Medicaid deficit, so that these facilities
have improved financial resources available to compete for caregiver staff and to ensure continued quality care for
residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors directs the county
clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, members of the state Joint Committee on Finance, state
legislators representing Fond du Lac County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated April 18, 2017

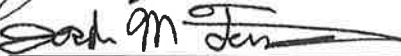
**SUBMITTED BY:
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**



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FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

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