



RESOLUTION # 2017-9

Title: REQUEST FOR STATE LEGISLATURES TO INCREASE NURSING HOME MEDICAID FUNDING

WHEREAS, Vernon Manor's mission is to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Vernon County; and,

WHEREAS, there is an overall Medicaid deficit of \$331.8 million between the cost incurred by Wisconsin nursing homes to provide services and what they actually receive.

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

WHEREAS, after Supplemental Payment funding Vernon County lost \$40.68 each day for a total of (\$792,500.00) in FY 2015/2016 for our Medicaid residents we cared for,

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

WHEREAS, our dependency on insufficient Medicaid funding makes it extremely difficult to compete for staff in an extremely tight labor market,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon 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 these facilities have the financial resources available to compete for caregiver staff to ensure continued quality care to our residents and tenants,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Vernon County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Vernon County State Representatives and Senators, the Joint Finance Committee and Governor Scott Walker.

Submitted February 10, 2017 by the Vernon Manor Board Members and Trustees

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PASSED by VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 4-18-17