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 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, Chairman

STATE OF WISCONSIN  )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  ) ss.

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