RESOLUTION NO. 26-08-19
A RESOLUTION ASKING THE STATE TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM FEDERAL RULES EXCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL STAYS FROM MEDICAID COVERAGE

WHEREAS, the Federal rules for Medicaid applicability exclude patients ages 22-64 from Medicaid coverage in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), resulting in high costs to Wisconsin Counties for individuals with mental illness who require short-term placements; 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 for 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 Department of Human Services has advised that such waiver would be beneficial to the residents of Waushara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Governor and the 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 Waushara County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers and Waushara County’s legislators in the State Assembly and Senate.

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Ayes ______ Nays ______ Abstain ______ Absent ______ X Voice Vote

☑ Approved and adopted this 20th day of August, 2019.
☐ Denied this 20th day of August, 2019.

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