

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 6/12/19  
4 Date of publication: 6/22/19

5 **VOTE**

6 **2019 RESOLUTION 22**

7 **Advisory Resolution in Support of Medicaid Reimbursement for Senior Living Facilities**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Washington County operates Samaritan Campus which includes the Fields assisted  
11 living facility and Samaritan Health Center skilled nursing facility and provides care for dozens of  
12 residents receiving Medicaid benefits; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin skilled nursing facilities lose between \$70.66 and \$78.58 per day for  
15 every Medicaid resident served; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, since the beginning of the year, eleven skilled nursing facilities have closed with  
18 another thirty entering receivership which leads to longer hospital stays for residents, residents living  
19 further from families or residents being sent home; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, in addition to Medicaid reimbursement losses, long term care facilities also face a  
22 workforce shortage which may cause a limit on resident admissions; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, continued losses due to low Medicaid rates could lead to a significant property tax  
25 outlay by Washington County or other drastic changes to Samaritan Campus;

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Supervisors  
28 requests the State of Wisconsin increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for senior living facilities in the  
29 2019-2021 biennial budget.

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Washington County Board directs a copy of this resolution  
32 to be sent to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, Wisconsin’s  
33 Congressional Delegation, State Legislators representing Washington County, and the Wisconsin  
34 Counties Association.

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37 **VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE:** Majority

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39 **RESOLUTION SUMMARY:** Resolution in support of increasing Medicaid reimbursement for long term  
40 care.

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42 **APPROVED:** Introduced by members of the HUMAN  
43 (signed by Bradley S. Stern) SERVICES COMMITTEE  
44 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney as filed with the County Clerk.  
45 Dated 6/17/19 (signed by Kristine M. Deiss)  
46 Considered 6/12/19 Kristine M. Deiss, Chairperson

47 Adopted 6/12/19

48 Ayes 26 Noes 0 Absent 0

49 Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

50 (Fiscal effect unknown at this time.)