WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2019 RESOLUTION 22

Advisory Resolution in Support of Medicaid Reimbursement for Senior Living Facilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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

APPROVED:

(signed by Bradley S. Stern)
Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/17/19

Considered 6/12/19

Adopted 6/12/19

Ayes 26 Noes 0 Absent 0

Voice Vote

(Fiscal effect unknown at this time.)

Introduced by members of the HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Kristine M. Deiss)
Kristine M. Deiss, Chairperson