



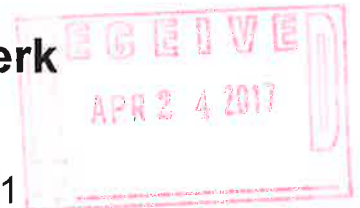
## Portage County Clerk

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### CERTIFICATION

I, Shirley M. Simonis, Clerk of the County of Portage, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2016-2018  
RE: URGING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE  
TO UNDERTAKE FISCAL ACTIONS TO INCREASE THE  
MONIES SENT TO WISCONSIN'S COUNTY-BASED  
NURSING HOMES IN THE 2017-2019 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET

which was considered by the County Board by a vote of:

25 for

\_\_\_ against

\_\_\_ abstained


\_\_\_ vacant

\_\_\_ excused

\_\_\_ vacant

at an Adjourned Session of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, and recorded in the minutes of said meeting, a quorum of members being present.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County of Portage, Wisconsin, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
SHIRLEY M. SIMONIS  
Portage County Clerk (SEAL)



RESOLUTION NO. 121-2016-2018

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Urging the Wisconsin State Legislature to Undertake Fiscal Actions to Increase the Monies Sent to Wisconsin's County-Based Nursing Homes in the 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget

WHEREAS, county homes play a unique role in Wisconsin's continuum of care for citizens in need of long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, the majority of county homes care for residents with high acuity levels and intense behavioral needs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin county homes have a long history of partnering with the state to maximize federal resources available to the state; and

WHEREAS, under the Supplemental Payment Program, formerly known as the intergovernmental transfer program, federal matching funds are generated based on actual operating losses incurred by governmental nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, an April 2016 national study by Eljay/Health Care Center ranked Wisconsin's Medicaid nursing home payments as the worst in the country when comparing payment rates to allowed Medicaid costs incurred by nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the average Wisconsin nursing facility in 2015-2016 lost \$58.46 per day (reference Leading Age Wisconsin) for each Medicaid resident they served for an average annual Medicaid loss of more than \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, this Medicaid loss pushes the financial burden onto private pay nursing home residents who are subsidizing Medicaid underfunding by paying rates that average nearly \$100 per day higher than a facility's Medicaid payment rate for virtually the same care and this means paying an average of \$3,000 more per month than the amount paid by Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, without adequate funding and fair rates to all, skilled nursing facilities cannot keep their doors open to any of Wisconsin's vulnerable residents for critical times when other options for care can't meet their individual needs;

FISCAL NOTE: There are no additional funds necessary to authorize this immediate resolution.

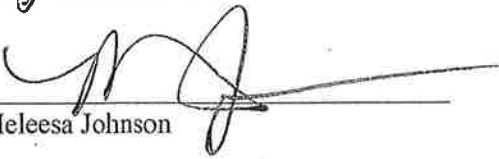
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors urge the Wisconsin Legislature increase the reimbursements to county-based nursing homes in the 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget to provide a chance for skilled nursing care at the county level to be more financially sustainable.

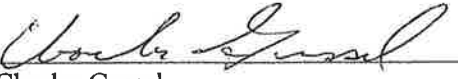
DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

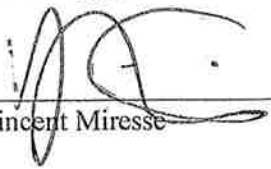
HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE

  
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