Resolution
No. 2018-43

WCA Platform Resolution to Request an Increase in Wisconsin’s Medicaid Rates

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a history of not increasing Medicaid reimbursements at the same rate as Medicaid allowable costs have increased; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 there were 2,340 Medicaid cases serving 3,950 individuals in Bayfield County; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Medicaid funded healthcare service were provided to more than one in four Bayfield County residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Wisconsin Medicaid dollars are used to provide healthcare services to seniors and people with disabilities, who represent only about a quarter of the Medicaid population; and

WHEREAS, the general population in Bayfield County is expected to decrease by 8.6%, while its population age 65 and over is anticipated to increase to more than 46% by 2040; and

WHEREAS, workforce shortages in the healthcare industry already exist in Bayfield County and across the State of Wisconsin where the need for additional providers such as registered nurses (RNs), personal care workers (PCWs), and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) is growing critical; and

WHEREAS, additional healthcare workers and providers will be even more desperately needed to address the increasing demands of Bayfield County’s growing elderly population; and

WHEREAS, additional healthcare dollars will be needed to provide sufficient incentive to attract and retain healthcare workers in Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of May 2018, does hereby approve the submission of a resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association at their Annual Business Meeting to request that the State of Wisconsin increase Medicaid payments to ensure that critical healthcare coverage can be provided to county and state residents in the future.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chairman

STATE OF WISCONSIN )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD )

I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2018-43, Volume 26, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 29th day of May, 2018.

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk