

RESOLUTION NO. 16-38

REQUEST FOR STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE NURSING HOME MEDICAID FUNDING

WHEREAS, approximately 65% of nursing home residents in Wisconsin are Medicaid recipients,

WHEREAS, there is an overall Medicaid deficit of \$331.8 million between the costs incurred by Wisconsin nursing homes to provide services and what they actually receive,

WHEREAS, the average nursing home in Wisconsin loses \$55.89 each day for each Medicaid resident cared for,

WHEREAS, after Supplemental Payment funding Lasata Care Center lost \$54.77 each day (\$1.6 million) in FY 2015/2016 for each Medicaid resident cared for,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin nursing homes and assisted living facilities are in a major workforce crisis with one out of every seven positions vacant,

WHEREAS, our high reliance on insufficient Medicaid funding makes it tremendously difficult to compete in the tight labor market,

WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation between quality staffing and quality care,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to provide sufficient Medicaid funding for nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the 2017-2019 state budget to help address the Medicaid deficit so these facilities have the financial resources available to compete for caregiver staff to ensure continued quality care to our residents and tenants,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Ozaukee County Clerk to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Ozaukee County State Representatives and Senators, the State Joint Finance Committee and Governor Scott Walker.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 4th day of January 2017.

SUMMARY: Request for State Legislature to increase nursing home Medicaid funding.

VOTE: Majority

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	T. Richart, Vice-Chairperson
SECONDER:	D. Henrichs, Supervisor District 23
AYES:	Hertz, Richart, Henrichs, Clark, Braverman

(Certification on Back)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk for Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 16-38, adopted by a majority of the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on January 4, 2017.

(S E A L)

s/ Julianne B. Winkelhorst

Julianne B. Winkelhorst
Ozaukee County Clerk

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 22
 Nays – 0
 Absent - 4