

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 128—2018-19***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1           Outagamie County Brewster Village (BV), a short-term rehabilitation and long-  
2           term care community, is facing a significant worker shortage which is forcing  
3           staff burnout (turnover), overtime expenses, and may potentially limit admissions.  
4           Wages for Certified Nursing Assistants, Life Enrichment Specialists, and  
5           Homemakers at BV are directly competing with non-health care entities and  
6           contributing to healthcare worker shortages.

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8           Inadequate Medicaid payment rates have made it extremely difficult for long-term  
9           care providers to attract and retain qualified caregivers. In addition, over 30  
10          Wisconsin nursing homes have closed since 2008, primarily because of  
11          inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates. These closures will have an impact on  
12          future skilled nursing home care as the population of residents over 85 years of  
13          age grows.

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15          Medicaid deficits sustained by Wisconsin's nursing facilities are mounting.  
16          Wisconsin nursing facilities experienced a \$352.5 million Medicaid deficit in  
17          FY16. Wisconsin nursing facilities on average lose \$63.04 per day for each  
18          Medicaid resident. Brewster Village's loss is at approximately \$100 per day for  
19          each Medicaid resident.

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21          Private pay nursing home rates are \$255 per day (long-term care) and \$385 per  
22          day (short-term intensive rehabilitation services). The current resident Medicaid  
23          rate for these same services is approximately \$155 per day. This low rate results  
24          in an annual deficit for Brewster Village of approximately \$4,000,000 which falls  
25          on local taxpayers through the tax levy. It should be noted that the County would  
26          pay this annual amount for residents even if Brewster Village was not part of the  
27          County. It is the low Medicaid reimbursement rate that causes the increased cost  
28          to the local taxpayer.

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30          Much has been done locally and statewide to provide alternative care for residents  
31          in need of help with daily living needs. Homemaker services, assisted living and  
32          other types of care have reduced the need for long term care for many residents.  
33          However, at some point, most elderly residents will require long term, 24/7 care  
34          in a skilled nursing home facility like Brewster Village. The number of people  
35          over the age of 85 with these needs will grow significantly over the next 25 years.

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37          This resolution requests that Medicaid funding for nursing home facilities be  
38          increased significantly in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget  
39          in order to address shortcomings related to nursing home staff shortages, and  
40          overall funding deficits.

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NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby respectfully request that Medicaid funding for nursing home facilities be increased significantly in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget in order to address shortcomings related to nursing home staff shortages and overall funding deficits. This investment will ensure that Outagamie County Brewster Village can continue to effectively provide short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing services designed to meet individuals' social and medical needs, and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Outagamie County Brewster Village Administrator, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature.


Dated this ~~14th~~ day of December, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE

  
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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: December 11, 2018

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County Clerk

Approved: 12.13.18

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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