


**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 130—2018-19

Supervisor Gabrielson moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 130—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

12/11/2018 7:41:31 PM RollCall Systems, Inc.				Voting Results for Res. No. 130 - Request WI DHS consider reimb. rates increase for 5 lowest labor rate regions	
		Passed By Majority Vote			
YES: 34		NO: 0		ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2	
1 - THOMPSON			YES	19 - MARCKS	YES
2 - MILLER			YES	20 - THOMAS	YES
3 - GRADY			ABSENT	21 - T. THYSSEN	YES
4 - PATIENCE			YES	22 - HAGEN	YES
5 - GABRIELSON			YES	23 - KLEMP	YES
6 - KONETZKE			YES	24 - IVERSON	YES
7 - HAMMEN			YES	25 - NOOYEN	YES
8 - N. THYSSEN			YES	26 - DUNCAN	YES
9 - KRUEGER			YES	27 - CULBERTSON	YES
10 - LAMERS			YES	28 - STURN	YES
11 - DILLENBERG			YES	29 - BUCHMAN	YES
12 - MC DANIEL			YES	30 - WOODZICKA	YES
13 - WEGAND			YES	31 - CLEGG	YES
14 - DE GROOT			YES	32 - VANDERHEIDEN	ABSENT
15 - PETERSON			YES	33 O'Connor-Schevers	YES
16 - SCHROEDER			YES	34 - RETTLER	YES
17 - CROATT			YES	35 - MELCHERT	YES
18 - SPEARS			YES	36 - SUPRISE	YES

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Currently, there are 16 nursing home labor regions in the state, including one
2 large rural labor region. The region designations were created to reflect
3 differences in labor costs for providing services across different areas of the state,
4 presumably allowing nursing homes in areas with higher labor costs to receive
5 higher levels of Medicaid reimbursement for their direct care.
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7 Recently, there have been modifications made in state budgets to the region
8 designations that have changed the geographic boundaries of the original labor
9 regions. Many of these changes resulted in moving nursing facilities from labor
10 regions that have a low labor factor to regions with a higher labor factor in order
11 to increase rates for those facilities. A significant portion of a nursing home's
12 costs relate to labor, and therefore, adjusting reimbursement rates based on the
13 wage levels of the region can have a significant impact on a facility's overall
14 Medicaid reimbursement.
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16 Various labor region adjustments made over the past decade generally have
17 resulted in a redistribution of Medicaid funds from one region to another, putting
18 facilities in the five regions at a financial disadvantage.
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20 This resolution requests that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services
21 consider an increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate for the five lowest labor
22 rate regions (Appleton/Calumet, Brown/Kewaunee/Oconto Counties, Eau
23 Claire/Chippewa, Fond du Lac County, and rural counties as identified by the
24 Wisconsin Department of Health Services) to the statewide direct care target.
25 This can be accomplished by reinvesting unexpended Medicaid funds within the
26 nursing home budget of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
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28 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services
29 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

30 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby
31 respectfully request that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services consider an increase in
32 reimbursement rates for the five lowest labor rate regions (Appleton/Calumet,
33 Brown/Kewaunee/Oconto Counties, Eau Claire/Chippewa, Fond du Lac County, and rural

1 counties as identified by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services), to the statewide direct
2 care target by reinvesting unexpended Medicaid funds within the nursing home budget, and

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

7 Dated this 14th day of December, 2018.

8 Respectfully Submitted,

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10 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
11 COMMITTEE

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14 Dan Gabrielson

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16 Justin Krueger

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19 Christine Lamers

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21 Cathy Thompson

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

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32 Signed:

[Signature]
Board Chairperson

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County Clerk

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36 Approved:

12-13-18

Vetoed: _____

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County Executive