

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INCREASE IN THE MEDICAID PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE (PNA)

1 WHEREAS, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities must liquidate their assets before  
2 being eligible for Medicaid to cover the cost of skilled nursing home care; and

3  
4 WHEREAS, federal law requires that residents of Medicaid-funded nursing homes receive a Personal  
5 Needs Allowance (PNA) out of their income; and

6  
7 WHEREAS, the Personal Needs Allowance is all that is available to nursing home residents to obtain  
8 items such as “clothing, shoes, vending machine snacks, specialty food, multivitamins, haircuts,  
9 toiletries, magazines, books, knitting needles and yarn, greeting cards, postage, cigarettes, and cell  
10 phone bills,” according to the American Council on Aging; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, the federal government set the PNA at \$25.00 a month in 1974, raised it to \$30.00 a  
13 month in 1988, and has not increased the amount since; and

14  
15 WHEREAS, states are allowed to supplement this amount up to \$200.00 a month; and

16  
17 WHEREAS, the PNA amount in Wisconsin is currently set at \$45.00 a month, one of the lowest in the  
18 nation; and

19  
20 WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin has not raised the PNA in over thirty years; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, the number of nursing home residents is predicted to grow over the next thirty years,  
23 increasing the need for a PNA that reflects the changing economic landscape; and

24  
25 WHEREAS, Monroe County wishes to provide the best possible living situation for any and all  
26 citizens who reside in nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

27  
28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors requests that  
29 our governor and state legislature work to increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for nursing  
30 home residents in Wisconsin;

31  
32 FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rep. Loren Oldenburg,  
33 Rep. Nancy Vander Meer, State Senator Patrick Testin, State Senator Brad Pfaff, Governor Tony  
34 Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Offered this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup>, 2023 by the Rolling Hills Committee

Fiscal Note: There is no known fiscal impact to Monroe County

Statement of Purpose: To send this resolution to the governor and state legislature requesting them to work to increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for nursing home residents in Wisconsin.

Drafted by: Adam Balz, County Board Supervisor

Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) by State

(<https://www.medicaidplanningassistance.org/personal-needs-allowance/>, updated March 2022)

|    |                      |          |
|----|----------------------|----------|
| 1  | Alaska               | \$200.00 |
| 2  | Florida              | \$130.00 |
| 3  | Arizona              | \$126.15 |
| 4  | Minnesota            | \$111.00 |
| 5  | Colorado             | \$93.17  |
| 6  | Maryland             | \$84.00  |
| 7  | New Mexico           | \$78.00  |
| 8  | Connecticut          | \$75.00  |
| 9  | Oklahoma             | \$75.00  |
| 10 | New Hampshire        | \$74.00  |
| 11 | Massachusetts        | \$72.80  |
| 12 | Vermont              | \$72.66  |
| 13 | Washington           | \$72.05  |
| 14 | District of Columbia | \$70.00  |
| 15 | Georgia              | \$70.00  |
| 16 | Oregon               | \$68.77  |
| 17 | North Dakota         | \$65.00  |
| 18 | Kansas               | \$62.00  |
| 19 | Michigan             | \$60.00  |
| 20 | Nebraska             | \$60.00  |
| 21 | South Dakota         | \$60.00  |
| 22 | Texas                | \$60.00  |
| 23 | Indiana              | \$52.00  |
| 24 | Delaware             | \$50.00  |
| 25 | Hawaii               | \$50.00  |
| 26 | Iowa                 | \$50.00  |
| 27 | Missouri             | \$50.00  |
| 28 | Montana              | \$50.00  |

|    |                |         |
|----|----------------|---------|
| 29 | New Jersey     | \$50.00 |
| 30 | New York       | \$50.00 |
| 31 | Ohio           | \$50.00 |
| 32 | Rhode Island   | \$50.00 |
| 33 | Tennessee      | \$50.00 |
| 34 | West Virginia  | \$50.00 |
| 35 | Wyoming        | \$50.00 |
| 36 | Pennsylvania   | \$45.00 |
| 37 | Utah           | \$45.00 |
| 38 | Wisconsin      | \$45.00 |
| 39 | Mississippi    | \$44.00 |
| 40 | Arkansas       | \$40.00 |
| 41 | Idaho          | \$40.00 |
| 42 | Kentucky       | \$40.00 |
| 43 | Maine          | \$40.00 |
| 44 | Virginia       | \$40.00 |
| 45 | Louisiana      | \$38.00 |
| 46 | California     | \$35.00 |
| 47 | Nevada         | \$35.00 |
| 48 | Alabama        | \$30.00 |
| 49 | Illinois       | \$30.00 |
| 50 | North Carolina | \$30.00 |
| 51 | South Carolina | \$30.00 |

Finance Vote (If required):  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Absent  
.....  
Approved as to form: 2/16/2023  
Lisa Aldinger Hamblin  
Lisa Aldinger Hamblin, Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED  FAILED  AMENDED  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Vote on: March 22, 2023  
14 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Committee of Jurisdiction Forwarded on: February 20th, 2023  
VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent  
Committee Chair: Joni Wissestad  
Adam Balz Eric Devine  
Dan Miller Walter Hoffmann

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF MONROE  
I, SHELLEY R. BOHL, Monroe County Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution # 02-23-02 acted on by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on March 22, 2023  
Shelley R. Bohl  
SHELLEY R. BOHL, MONROE COUNTY CLERK  
A raised seal certifies an official document.