

Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION: No. 25-07

DATE: February 18, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Requesting to protect Medicaid.

WHEREAS, Juneau County is concerned about the impact of major changes to Medicaid being considered at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2.3 trillion in cuts to the federal Medicaid program will be considered during this session of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver programs cover an array of mental health, substance use, and disability services to Juneau County citizens, ranging from office-based therapy to in-home services to inpatient hospitalization, and many of these services are delivered by counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 4,781 Juneau County residents received Medicaid, including 2,998 families and 1,783 Elderly/Blind/Disabled residents; and

WHEREAS, counties are required by law to provide mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and disability services to county residents and children, including crisis intervention services to serve adults and children in crisis situations; at a minimum, 24-hour crisis telephone service and 24-hour in-person response on an on-call basis; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver funds cover the cost of the majority of mental health, substance use, and disability services Juneau County is required by law to provide our citizens, with Juneau County anticipating collecting approximately \$3,000,000 in Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver program reimbursements in 2025 alone, and

WHEREAS, with the current poverty of Juneau County citizens and Juneau County tax levy budget constraints, any significant cuts to Medicaid would bankrupt Juneau County and place Juneau County citizens in grave danger; and

WHEREAS, counties are limited in their capacity to use tax levy revenue due to state levy limits, so a lack of Medicaid funding along with strict property tax controls would make it unfeasible for Juneau County to maintain mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and disability services for children as required by law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the costs to county human service departments, counties and municipalities also incur law enforcement costs to transport and provide security for persons experiencing mental health and substance use crises; and

WHEREAS, Juneau County's workforce would also be significantly impacted by major cuts in Medicaid, including not only low-income Juneau County workers who rely on Medicaid for their primary health care coverage, but also the health care workforce providing services to Juneau County's Medicaid recipients through Human Services and other home and community-based services, hospitals, nursing homes, and other employers;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request that the federal government protect Medicaid funding, especially for mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and services for disabled children and adults and other vulnerable populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators

with a constituency within Juneau County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the National Counties Association, and the State of Wisconsin Federal Legislators with a constituency within Juneau County.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

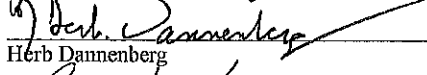
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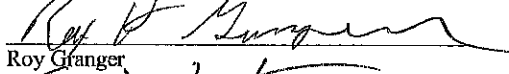
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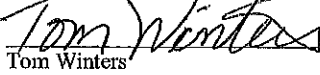
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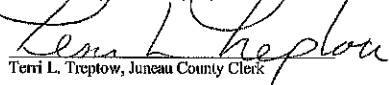


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Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on February 18, 2025



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