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Re: **Support of State Investment for Income Maintenance Administration**

WHEREAS, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and

WHEREAS, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal/ 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75% state local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP; and

WHEREAS, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually, with SNAP – related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; and

WHEREAS, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in more cost to the states); and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact to Oconto County in quarter 4, 2026 is estimated to be \$56,766 in financial loss. Fiscal impact for year 2027 is estimated to be between \$227,064 and \$236,146 to Oconto County in financial loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs; and

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oconto County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to
58 send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with
59 a constituency within Oconto County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County
60 Human Service Association

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62 Submitted this 30th day of October, 2025.

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64 By: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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Adopted by an electronic vote: 26 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF OCONTO

*I, Kim Pytleski, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the original now on file in the
office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on this
date. DATE: 10/30/2025 Kim Pytleski, County Clerk*