



RESOLUTION # 42 - 8/08

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM #

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: ✓ 8-21-08
For: 31
Against: 1
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AGING & LONG
TERM CARE
COMMITTEE
ACTION

Adopted: 8-11-08
For: 6
Against: -
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT/CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR COUNTY NURSING HOMES

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Payment Program, formerly known as the Intergovernmental Transfer Program, generates federal matching funds based on actual operating losses incurred by governmental nursing homes; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of revenue that may be generated is capped by the federal government (Medicare Upper Limit); and,

WHEREAS, all revenue generated from county nursing home losses is deposited in the state of Wisconsin's Medical Assistance Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the 2007-09 state biennial budget anticipates Medicaid deficits for county and municipal nursing homes of \$140,040,600 in FY 08 and \$136,858,800 in FY 09; and,

WHEREAS, payments to counties from the federal match paid on county losses are capped at \$37.1 million each year, and the state anticipates utilizing \$40,000,000 in FY 08 and \$37,000,000 in FY 09 in federal matching funds for its Medicaid programs; and,

WHEREAS, under current state law, total supplemental payments to county and municipal homes may not exceed \$37.1 million per year; and,

WHEREAS, counties have never received less than \$37.1 million in payments annually; and,

WHEREAS, county nursing homes generate significant losses as many county homes serve individuals with high acuity levels and intense behavioral needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Medical Assistance rates paid to county nursing homes is insufficient to cover the cost of care for patients with significant care needs; and,

WHEREAS, over the years, the number of county nursing homes has declined; and,

WHEREAS, many counties can no longer afford to allocate property tax dollars to the operations of the county home, yet county homes provide a valuable public services; and,

WHEREAS, if more counties sell or close their county nursing homes, county nursing home losses decrease, generating fewer dollars under the certified public expenditure program for county and state use; and,

WHEREAS, as the \$37.1 million referenced in statute represents a cap on payments to counties, the state has the ability to provide payments to county and municipal homes in an amount less than \$37.1 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board supports a legislative change requiring the state of Wisconsin to pay county and municipal nursing homes at least \$37.1 million annually under the supplemental payment program.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Association of County Homes work in cooperation with the Department of Health Services to develop a plan to return all revenue generated from county nursing home losses to counties over a five-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to DHS Secretary Karen Timberlake, DOA Secretary Michael Morgan, Governor Jim Doyle, all area legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

FISCAL NOTE: Under current law, the payment of additional CPE (Certified Public Expenditure) revenue in FY08 to Lakeview is \$578,886 and to Hillview is \$542,129.

Date: August 11, 2008
[Signature]
AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE
CHAIR

Date: August 11, 2008
[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Recommended	Not Recommended	Reviewed Only	
Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: Steve O'Malley
Fin. Director	<u>SI</u>	_____	_____	Date Requested: July 31, 2008
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	<u>DL</u>	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of AUGUST, 2008

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 21st day of August 2008.

[Signature]
Marion I. Naegle, La Crosse County Clerk