



RESOLUTION # 1-4/11

ITEM # 4-18
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 25
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 10
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 3

AGING &
LONG TERM
CARE
COMMITTEE
ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1

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

RE: PROTECT SENIORCARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, SeniorCare saves Wisconsin seniors money every day with a \$30 annual enrollment fee, copayments ranging from \$5 to \$15 and no gaps in coverage; and,

WHEREAS, SeniorCare provides more comprehensive and less expensive coverage than Medicare Part D; and,

WHEREAS, SeniorCare saves Taxpayers money every day since the average annual cost per enrollee was \$588, in 2009, less than half the \$1,690 spent by the federal government to subsidize a Part D in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, SeniorCare negotiates lower drug prices and saved \$50 million in 2009 alone and SeniorCare has a \$20 million surplus that the State of Wisconsin wants to use to plug the budget deficit; and,

WHEREAS, the State plan to change SeniorCare will boost drug company profits at the expense of Wisconsin's seniors because Medicare Part D does not negotiate drug prices. Most Wisconsin seniors enrolled in SeniorCare would see the cost of their medicines rise, and Wisconsin would no longer receive drug rebates through negotiation, further padding drug company profits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the La Crosse county Board supports continuation of the SeniorCare program to save the 1,640 seniors enrolled from La Crosse County and the 92,000 seniors enrolled in SeniorCare statewide a minimum savings of \$1102 annually for each enrollee. The La Crosse County Board rejects the idea proposed to use SeniorCare as a wrap around program for Medicare Part D.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

FISCAL NOTE: The Aging Unit projects that the annual cost savings to County taxpayers would be at least \$1,807,280 and statewide savings would be at least \$101,384,000.

Date: April 12, 2011

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 4/11/11

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AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>50</u>	_____
Fin. Director	_____	<u>61</u>	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

Requested By: Noreen Kuroski
Date Requested: April 1, 2011
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of April, 2011

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, 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 19th day of April, 2011.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk