



RESOLUTION # 14-4/11

ITEM # 4.31  
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 22  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 13  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION

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

HEALTH &  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
BOARD  
ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 8  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 1

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

RE: OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FAMILY CARE ENROLLMENT CAPS NEGATIVELY  
IMPACTING THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

WHEREAS, under the Family Care program, long term care services are provided to adults who are elderly, physically disabled or developmentally disabled, administered through Western Wisconsin Cares (WWC) for La Crosse County and seven surrounding counties, serving over 3,300 persons from an 8 county area, with 59% of those served being La Crosse County residents, with La Crosse County being at full entitlement (meaning no waiting lists) since April 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2011-13 budget would cap Family Care enrollment as of June 20<sup>th</sup>, meaning no new persons could be enrolled except via attrition of current clients; and,

WHEREAS, denying elderly, disabled and developmentally disabled individuals access to Family Care abruptly breaks the promise of no waitlists that the State of Wisconsin made to these vulnerable populations when seeking to convince counties and stakeholders in the long-term care system to abandon the old waiver system and adopt the Family Care model; and,

WHEREAS, several elderly, disabled and developmentally disabled individuals seeking long term care services who will now need to be put on waitlists will likely receive services regardless, either due to an emergency resulting from a lack of ongoing stabilizing services or as a result of loved ones petitioning the court for court-ordered services, both which would be at La Crosse County's (as opposed to WWC's) expense and likely at an overall expense greater than if those individuals were served up front through Family Care, making the enrollment caps short-sighted and bad for taxpayers; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors opposes the Governor's proposed enrollment caps on Family Care and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

FISCAL NOTE: The precise impact of this change is difficult to estimate but is likely to result in the cost of unserved clients to go back to the Counties.

Date: April 11, 2011

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Margaret J. Prack

RECORDING CLERK

Date: 4/11/11

Erin Hoffmann

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD CHAIR

Margaret J. Prack

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>
Fin. Director	<u>-</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Board Chair	<u>SD/wn</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Requested By: Steve O'Malley  
Date Requested: April 5, 2011  
Drafted By: Jason Witt

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

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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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Ginny Dankmeyer  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk