



**RESOLUTION # 3-4/11**

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

*Amended by County Board*

**ITEM # 4-20**

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 26  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 9  
Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE ACTION**

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 4  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 3

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 1

**RE: PRESERVATION OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT FOR MEDICAID CHANGES (MEDICAID, BADGERCARE PLUS, SENIORCARE, FAMILY CARE)**

**WHEREAS**, Current Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus enrollment in La Crosse County is 18,680 and 920,861 statewide; and,

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid serves those who are the most medically needy and the most financially needy, the frail, the elderly, the disabled; and,

**WHEREAS**, While recognizing that changes to Medicaid are necessary to become more cost effective with taxpayer dollars these changes require a thoughtful process that weighs consequences with anticipated savings, that calculates short-term and long-term savings and weighs the human cost along with the dollars and cents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state plan to <sup>maintaining</sup> change Medicaid programs without oversight from the legislature <sup>transfers</sup> puts too much power in the Executive branch without existing division of power, legislative oversight, which <sup>puts</sup> 920,861 Wisconsin citizens at risk of not receiving needed healthcare, and taxpayers at risk of increased long-term healthcare cost due to lack of the availability of medical services <sup>putting</sup> to treat chronic and acute diseases or conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board supports continuation of the current procedures which require legislative oversight and public input to make changes to Medicaid programs which serve 18,680 of the most vulnerable citizens of La Crosse County. The La Crosse County Board rejects the proposal to concentrate the power to make unilateral changes to Medicaid programs by the Walker administration and the Secretary of the Department of Health Services.

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** Major changes in Medicaid eligibility without legislative oversight will have a negative financial impact on clients and counties. However, the effect of those costs is impossible to determine at this time.

Date: 4/11/11

*R. Plesh*  
ALTC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: April 12, 2011

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 4/11/11

*Erin O'Connell*  
HHS BOARD CHAIR

*Margaret Jordan*  
RECORDING CLERK

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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SP</u>	_____
Fin. Director	_____	<u>GT</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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

*Ginny Dankmeyer*  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk