

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Approval of Rock County to Transition from the Waiver System to Family Care

1 **WHEREAS**, in the mid 1990's, the Department of Health Services (DHS) worked for over two years
2 with consumers, consumer's relatives, service providers as well as experts and tax payers to create a
3 proposal for managed care now known as Family Care built on the concepts taken from managed care
4 systems, the waiver programs, community integration and person centered planning; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the initial Family Care programs were launched in five pilot counties; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, in February 2006, the Governor announced that the State would be expanding Family Care
9 beyond the five pilot counties; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2014, Family Care is now serving 17,830 frail elders and 13,440
12 developmentally disabled members and 6,092 physically disabled members across 57 counties and
13 serving a total of 37,362 members in the State of Wisconsin; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, in December 2013, DHS submitted a report to the Joint Committee on Finance, Long Term
16 Care Expansion which stated, "The goal of Wisconsin's managed long-term care system is to provide the
17 right service, in the right amount, and in the right setting." and "The Family Care program has
18 demonstrated that a managed long-term care system increases quality while controlling costs."; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the report states Family Care improves the cost-effective coordination of long-term care
21 services by creating a single, flexible benefit that includes a large number of health and long-term care
22 services that otherwise would be available through separate programs; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, the State has recently approved the Northeastern seven county consortium to transition to
25 Family Care which means only eight counties including Rock would continue to offer the legacy waivers;
26 and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Health Services has advised the Federal Center for Medicaid
29 Services (CMS) that all counties will eventually need to transition to Family Care; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, in most areas of the state, clients have a choice among multiple managed care organizations
32 (MCO's); and,
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34 **WHEREAS**, Rock County opened an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in March of 2013,
35 which is a pre-requisite to a transition to Family Care; and,
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Developmental Disability Board and Human Services Department currently have
38 approximately 280 Rock County residents who are waiting for services; and,
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40 **WHEREAS**, the Developmental Disability Board and Human Services Department waiting list would be
41 eliminated and waiting list clients would receive services under Family Care within thirty-six months or
42 less from the implementation of Family Care; and,
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44 **WHEREAS**, the ability of the County to provide services to all the DD and HSD persons on the waiting
45 list is significantly limited by 0% tax levy limits; and,

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46 **WHEREAS**, under county tax levy limits it is unlikely there will be significant expansion of DD and
47 HSD services, and further, provider costs continue to rise while the pressure to serve people on the
48 waiting list continues to build; and,

49 **WHEREAS**, based upon Calendar Year 2006 year end reconciliation, the State has calculated a gradual
50 buy down of payments by the County to the State over five years from the date of the implementation of
51 Family Care which is set forth in Wis. Stat. 46.281(4).
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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
54 assembled this 10 day of July, 2014 does approve forwarding this resolution to the State
55 of Wisconsin indicating Rock County's intent to transition to Family Care.
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Respectfully submitted,

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LEGAL NOTE:

FISCAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

This resolution requests State approval to expand Family Care to Rock County. This resolution has no fiscal impact on the County in and of itself.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

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Executive Summary

APPROVAL OF ROCK COUNTY TRANSITION FROM THE WAIVER SYSTEM TO FAMILY CARE

The Department of Health Services worked for over two years to develop a managed care model now referred to as Family Care. Family Care was piloted in five counties before it was expanded to other counties in the State. Family Care now operates in 57 counties across the State serving approximately 37,362 members.

The Department of Health Services report entitled “Long Term Care Expansion Report” submitted by the State to the Legislative Joint Committee on Finance outlined the goal of Family Care was to provide the right service, in the right amount, in the right setting. In addition, the report stated that Family Care improves cost effectiveness by creating a single flexible benefit that includes a large number of health and long term care services that otherwise would be available through separate programs.

Rock County has been in discussion with the State on transition to Family Care on multiple occasions over the years. The State originally wanted Rock County to open an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in April of 2011, with transition to Family Care in July of 2011. In August of 2010, that proposal was later modified to opening an ADRC in November of 2011, with transition to Family Care in January of 2012.

Thereafter, the State suspended further expansion of Family Care, however, encouraged counties to open Aging and Disability Resource Centers. In the fall of 2012, the Rock County Board passed a resolution to create a Rock County ADRC that opened in March of 2013. More recently, the Governor announced that 7 northeastern counties will transition to Family Care. This leaves only 8 counties, including Rock, operating the legacy waivers.

In calendar year 2006, Rock County contributed \$3,559,578.74 in Basic County allocation to long-term care services within the Developmental Disabilities Board and Human Services Department. That sum exceeds the statutory required Family Care contribution by counties of 22% of the county’s Basic County Allocation (BCA). Once Rock County transitions to Family Care, Rock County’s BCA will gradually be reduced over the course of five years, to 22% of Rock County’s 2006 Basic County Allocation for long term care services which is \$2,026,787.

There are currently approximately 280 people on the waiting list eligible for Developmental Disability Board services and Human Services Department services (250 for DD Bd.; 30 for HSD services). The waiting list continues to grow while the county’s ability to fund the services for these wait list individuals is limited by zero percent tax levy caps.

The promise of Family Care is that all persons on the waiting list will be served within 36 months or less from the date Family Care is implemented. The 57 other counties that have made the transition to Family Care have no waiting lists.