

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO NOT MAKE DRAMATIC CUTS TO MEDICAID AND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT FUNDING IN THE PROPOSED RECONCILIATION BILL. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS URGES CITIZENS TO CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATORS TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THESE DRASTIC CUTS WOULD CAUSE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, members of Congress are considering which of the substantial cuts in federal Medicaid program will be included in a reconciliation bill; and

WHEREAS, the reconciliation bill may move rapidly through Congress before details of the cuts are fully understood and before the public and members of local government have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the impact of the cuts; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid could significantly reduce Medicaid reimbursements to the county for mandated programs such as Children’s Long-Term Support, Adult Family Care, and long-term elder care; and

WHEREAS, Federal Medicaid funding cuts will leave states and counties with a negative impact on their budgets as costs would become the responsibility of the state or county. These cuts would impact the ability to provide services for the disabled, elderly, or mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid and the Older Americans Act programs will hurt vulnerable individuals and families, workers who provide these services, and the communities that must provide crisis/hospital services when citizens experience health crises; and

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Center’s (ADRCs) in Wisconsin offer a strong return on investment while significantly enhancing the well-being of individuals across the state. In 2023, every \$1 invested into ADRCs in Wisconsin led to a savings of \$3.88; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Act funding is necessary to continue the senior nutrition program, that includes Meals on Wheels and congregate dining.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors requests and urges elected representatives that Medicaid and Older American Act cuts not be included in budget reconciliation bills. The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors urges citizens to contact their legislators to reject proposals that reduce federal Medicaid and Older Americans Act funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of the resolution shall be sent to Wisconsin state and federal legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2025

Sue McDonald  
County Clerk