

The Milwaukee County Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board Urges Removal of All Long-term Care Changes from the Budget

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As a long-term care stakeholder and a board representing consumers, caregivers and advocates, the Milwaukee County Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board believes that all changes to Family Care, IRIS and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) should be removed from the state budget bill. No new plan for long-term care reform should be proposed until stakeholders have a seat at the table.

Recently released analysis by the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) provides no proof that what is being proposed in the budget will save money or make our programs better. LFB also says it's "unclear whether there are significant cost concerns related to the state's current long-term care programs."

What is clear is that the proposed changes would mean the elimination of our current long-term care system. This would cause serious disruption in the lives of 55,000 who rely on these programs to live independently.

It's time for these changes to be removed from the budget entirely.

The Milwaukee County Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board calls on the Joint Finance Committee to remove all changes to Family Care, IRIS and Aging and Disability Resource Centers from the state budget. **This means adopting Alternative 5 in LFB Paper #356; Alternatives A4, B4 and C3 in LFB Paper #357 and Alternative 3 in LFB Paper #358 (but approve the additional 3.0 positions for the Board on Aging and Long-term Care).**

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