

JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, October 19, 2021

TIME: 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Conference Room, Wood County Courthouse

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
3. Review resolution on BadgerCare eligibility cliff.
4. Adjourn.

Join by phone

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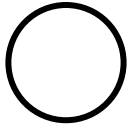
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RESOLUTION#

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative and Health & Human Services Committees
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Motion: Adopted: Lost: Tabled: Absent:
Number of votes required:
[X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: , Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the state legislature to fix the BadgerCare Plus benefits cliff.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no direct fiscal impact on the county by means of adoption of this resolution. The intent of the resolution is to save all state taxpayers money by better designing the benefits eligibility component of the BadgerCare Plus program.

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WHEREAS, in addition to Medicaid, Wisconsin also administers the BadgerCare Plus (a/k/a BadgerCare) program that provides health care coverage for people who either don't qualify for Medicaid or need different kinds of services but don't have such benefits available through their employers and have insufficient income to purchase them on their own, and

WHEREAS, those individuals who do qualify for BadgerCare Plus face a "benefits cliff," that being a small increase in earnings results in a significant loss in benefits eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the BadgerCare Plus benefits cliff, in some instances, causes individuals to not seek employment or to not seek better employment as they can't afford to lose their BadgerCare Plus eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the BadgerCare Plus benefits cliff is not only a problem for the individuals in the program, but is also contrary to the American value of having government programs help citizens when needed but having these programs encourage people to better themselves financially and, in doing so, get off the programs. The program eligibility, as designed, does not reward financial improvement but rather may promote program dependence.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to bring the BadgerCare Plus benefits cliff to the attention of the Wisconsin legislators and to Governor Evers such that they can work cooperatively to eliminate it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood County Clerk share a copy of this resolution with all of the state legislators who represent citizens of Wood County and to Governor Evers.

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)

DONNA ROZAR (Chair)

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ADAM FISCHER

KENNETH CURRY

JOHN HOKAMP

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JOSEPH ZURFLUH

LAURA VALENSTEIN

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this ___ day of ___ 20__.

County Clerk

County Board Chairman