

LeadingAge Wisconsin's 2013-2015 Legislative Agenda:

- Return the bed tax skim and use revenues to fund the goal of lowering the Wisconsin Medicaid nursing home per resident daily loss to the national average (from \$45.75 to \$19.55). Work with counties to maximize funding available under the Certified Public Expenditure Program (CPE) and increase the allocation intended to offset Medicaid losses incurred by governmental facilities.
- Explore options to integrate acute, primary and long term care services for persons eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. Continue to evaluate and advance the Family Care sustainability proposals.
- Further expand the use of technology to help DHS and providers to operate more cost-effectively (e.g., telemedicine, personal emergency response systems, health monitoring and electronic payment of bed tax, electronic (not paper) Medicaid cost reports). See: www.leadingage.org/CAST.aspx
- Support legislation authorizing a nursing home drug formulary.
- Implement a series of changes to the Medicaid nursing home capital and property provisions to create incentives for organizations to “rightsize” and modernize their skilled care facilities and convert to alternative use (e.g., assisted living, adult day care...). Savings will be achieved through establishment of smaller, more efficient operations and reduced bed capacity.
- Maintain the 2011 Wisconsin Act 2 health and long-term care tort reform protections.
- Continue efforts to establish the WCCEAL quality improvement process for assisted living providers as the preferred oversight and QI model (vs. a nursing home-type regulatory approach).