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**RESOLUTION #**

**Resolution Requesting Support of State Investment for Income Maintenance Administration for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - Foodshare) Program**

**Resolution Offered by the Health and Human Services Committee**

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:** The Federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025, makes changes to the SNAP (Foodshare) program that would reduce federal costs and significantly impact county-administered services. These changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments.

The legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward the cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs. Wisconsin's SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without additional investment eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties. If Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the state's 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty payments increasing the state's financial burden – costs that could ultimately cascade down to counties.

The SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75% state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP. The reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff, which could result in an increased payment error rate. State IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually, with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs.

The new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties. These federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in more costs to the states). Counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, who met in regular session, hereby urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate resources for the administration of Foodshare and related programs; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sauk County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with constituency within Sauk County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association.

55 Approved by the Health and Human Services Committee on October 14, 2025.

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57 To be presented to the County Board on October 21, 2025.

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59 Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [X] NO

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61 Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [X] Not Budgeted

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63 Vote Required: Majority =  X  2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

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65 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed  
66 by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

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68 **Offered and passage moved by the Health and Human Services Committee:**

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70 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
71 Chair Patricia Rego

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73 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
74 Vice-Chair Joan Fordham

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76 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
77 Secretary David Clemens

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79 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
80 Supervisor Rebecca Klitzke

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82 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
83 Supervisor Thomas Dorner

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85 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
86 Renee Mikonowicz

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88 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
89 Diane Reinfeldt

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91 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
92 Eleanor Vita

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94 \_\_\_\_\_  Aye  Nay  Abstain  Absent  
95 Clariss Funmaker

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98 Fiscal Note: The decrease of Federal funding will result in shifting the financial burden to the  
99 State and Counties. Reduction in administrative funding to counties would likely result in a  
100 reduction of staffing while referrals are increasing to county human services departments.

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104 MIS Note: None