

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

RESOLUTION ASKING GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM FEDERAL RULES EXCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL STAYS FROM MEDICAID COVERAGE

Background: Federal rules exclude patients age 22-64 years of age from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), resulting in high costs to Wisconsin counties for individuals with mental illness who require short-term placement. The IMD rule works against the provision of necessary health care treatment, and path to recovery, for young and middle-aged adults with brain disorders.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an invitation to states to apply for a waiver of this exclusion, allowing states to receive federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD. The Sauk County Board of Supervisors recommends urging the Governor and the Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted Expenditure ☐ Not Budgeted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, hereby urges the Governor and Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion to allow federal reimbursement of short term acute care and transition planning for persons with serious and persistent mental illness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Dave Considine, Senator Jon Erpenbach, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on September 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Note: None.

Information System Note: No fiscal impact.