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Action Alert Ask State Legislators to Support Expansion of Family Care August 2007

Family Care is an innovative Wisconsin program which provides low-income elders and people with disabilities with the supportive services they need to continue living in the community. Family Care has been operating successfully in nine Wisconsin counties for several years. In Milwaukee County, Family Care has enabled thousands of older adults to continue living in the community and eliminated waiting lists. Planning is underway to expand Family Care in Milwaukee County to people with disabilities, as well as to bring Family Care to other counties in the state.

Family Care expansion is currently at risk. Although funding for this expansion was included in the Governor's budget, had strong bi-partisan support in the legislature's budget committee (Joint Finance Committee), and in the state Senate budget, the state Assembly voted against expanding Family Care.

A Conference Committee of the state legislature is currently meeting to negotiate the differences in the budget. **Your help is needed to restore funding for Family Care Expansion.**

ACTION REQUESTED

Please call or write your state representative and senator. Ask them to urge their colleagues on the Conference Committee to restore funding for Family Care expansion to the 2007/09 state budget, as approved by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). It's especially important to contact the Assembly. E-mail addresses for Conference Committee members are also listed if you want to write them directly.

Talking Points for Your Message

- Family Care has proven to be extremely cost-effective;
- Family Care keeps people out of nursing homes and reduces the burden on taxpayers;
- Family Care provides people with better choices about the services they need to remain independent and in their own homes;
- Residents of all counties deserve to have choices about long term care;
- Family Care recipients need access to Independent Advocacy and Expanded Ombudsman services. These services have bi-partisan support and were funded in budgets proposed by the JFC, Senate, and Governor;
- Family Care has strong bi-partisan support and reflects our Wisconsin values and commitment to providing these essential services for older adults and people with disabilities.

Note: Be sure to include your full name and home address.

Letters to the Editor

We also need letters to the Journal Sentinel expressing support for Family Care expansion (and other priority programs) in the state budget. You can submit letters online at <http://www2.jsonline.com/news/editorials/submit.asp>

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