

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 6/11/13  
4 Date of publication: 6/19/13

5 **VOTE**

6 **2013 RESOLUTION 17**

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8 **Advisory Resolution Regarding Family Care Responsibility for**  
9 **State Institutional Placements**

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11 **WHEREAS**, as of January, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has made  
12 Family Care available in 57 Wisconsin counties; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, as a part of the Family Care expansion in 2008, Washington County became  
15 obligated to make a substantial annual financial contribution of County levy to the State of  
16 Wisconsin for the Family Care program; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, once an individual is deemed eligible for Family Care benefits, the Family  
19 Care participant is provided services, treatment and coordination of the benefit by a Managed  
20 Care Organization (MCO); and

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22 **WHEREAS**, if a Family Care participant requires mental health crisis intervention,  
23 services, treatment and/or placement in one of the State Mental Health Institutes, the participant is  
24 disenrolled from Family Care and becomes the financial and case management responsibility of  
25 the County; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, once a participant is disenrolled, there is no financial or other incentive for  
28 the MCO to resume coordination of services for the individual, develop a transition plan or return  
29 the individual to the community and the County remains burdened with the financial obligations  
30 of the mental health care, services and/or placement of the individual;

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of  
33 Supervisors that the Wisconsin Counties Association propose and support legislation that would  
34 modify Wisconsin Statutes to require MCOs to assume the financial risks and responsibilities for  
35 serving individuals with mental health treatment needs, including placement at the state mental  
36 health institute's or in the alternative, allow counties to reduce, dollar for dollar, the amount of  
37 the county required annual contribution made to the State of Wisconsin, for the institute's daily  
38 rate and other costs of mental health services.

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that proposed legislation include a requirement that  
41 individuals placed at a State mental health institute be provided with a periodic independent  
42 review to determine appropriateness of continuing the placement and upon discharge, be  
43 automatically re-enrolled in Family Care.

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the Washington County Clerk is  
46 instructed to send a copy of this advisory resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Advisory resolution regarding Family Care responsibility for state institutional placements.

APPROVED:  
(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)  
Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney  
Dated 6/12/13

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Herbert J. Tennies)  
Herbert J. Tennies, Chairperson

Considered 6/11/13  
Adopted 6/11/13  
Ayes 28 Noes 0 Absent 2  
Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

(Fiscal effect unknown.)