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Wisconsin Health Care Association — Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living

COVID-19 LTC FUNDING REQUEST

On behalf of Wisconsin's nursing homes and assisted living facilities, the Wisconsin Health Care Association/Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WHCA/WiCAL) and LeadingAge Wisconsin want to communicate the significant concerns we have for care providers on the frontlines dealing with the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both associations are working collaboratively with the Evers Administration to address regulatory enforcement flexibilities which may become necessary so providers are able to more quickly adapt and respond to this crisis as it develops. We are working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to address the immediate challenges of the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), and are also working with DHS as well as other agencies to address concerns about the availability of frontline caregivers.

The purpose of this briefing document is to provide an overview of the significant costs that nursing homes and assisted living facilities will incur as a result of the pandemic response in their facilities over the coming months. *The document outlines increased costs in our facilities from enhanced infection control screening practices, increased costs for supplies including PPE, and significant increased staffing costs. We ask that the funding made available by recently passed federal COVID-19 response legislation be utilized to provide relief to long-term care facilities in Wisconsin.*

We request that a legislative relief package in response to the COVID-19 pandemic address the needs of long-term care facilities as providers work to protect and care for Wisconsin's frail elderly population during this public health emergency.

Increase of **$347** per patient day **for Nursing Home Care**

Increase of **$301** per patient day **for Assisted Living Care**

*Increased funding is needed to pay for **paid time off** and **increased overtime costs for staff that can work**.*

*Increased funding is needed to pay for **masks, gloves, and gowns that reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep caregivers and residents healthy**.*

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