

# WHCA/WiCAL: Thanks administrative officials on agency report

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*WI Department of Health Services Budget Includes Critical Priorities for LTC Providers*

MADISON — John Vander Meer, President & CEO of the Wisconsin Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WHCA/WiCAL), today issued the following statement regarding the Wisconsin Department of Health Services agency budget submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Administration:

*“The agency budget by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services released this week includes essential resources for the state’s long-term care (LTC) provider community, including adding the Family Care Direct Care Workforce Funding (which was passed as a part of the last budget) to the Medicaid base re-estimate, as well as funding the acuity of the state’s skilled nursing facilities.*

*According to DHS officials, continuation of this particular funding will translate into \$30.75 million in all funds in each year of the biennium for Family Care, and \$17.5 million all funds in acuity funding for skilled nursing providers. On behalf of WHCA/WiCAL members around the state, I would like to thank Administration leaders for this important step toward providing assistance to our state’s skilled nursing and assisted living centers.*

*Our state’s provider community faces an unprecedented workforce crisis, significant funding challenges, and a rapidly aging population. WHCA/WiCAL looks forward to working with all state leaders to ensure that providers receive adequate*

*reimbursement to continue delivering high- quality care and services to our state's frail elderly and disabled citizens."*

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