

# Dept. of Health Services: Eliminates Waitlist for Long-Term Care Services for Medicaid-Eligible Adults

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On February 28, 2021, a 40-year-old individual with a physical disability from Adams County was referred to IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct), Wisconsin's self-directed long-term care program. This individual was the last person waiting to join one of Wisconsin's long-term care programs that provide home and community-based services to eligible adults who are elderly or have physical or intellectual disabilities.

"Wisconsin's long-term care programs embrace a person-centered approach that allows people to live their best life in their homes and communities," said DHS Interim Secretary Karen Timberlake. "This achievement is the culmination of over four decades of work by advocates, state and county agency staff, tribal leaders, legislators, providers, stakeholders, families, self-advocates, and citizens. While we are proud to have reached this important milestone, we will continue to find new ways to keep our state at the forefront of long-term care."

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