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State Budget is Good News For Long-Term Care

(Madison, WI) LeadingAge Wisconsin is thankful for the significant investments in long-term care (LTC) programs and services contained in the 2019-21 State Budget.

The budget process is often a long and arduous journey. The Budget signed into law today by Governor Evers reflects both the need and will to address the long-term care workforce and funding crisis. "Coming to the aid of those who require or provide long-term care is now reflected as a high priority for the State of Wisconsin," noted John Sauer, LeadingAge Wisconsin President/CEO. "The State Budget passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor demonstrates that Medicaid and Family Care funding for older adults and persons with a disability rightfully deserve further investment as more and more people need long-term care and services," said Sauer.

The State Budget provides \$233.7 million in State funding for long-term care, including increases for nursing home care, home and community-based services under the Family Care program and personal care workers.

"LeadingAge Wisconsin members from across the State extend their appreciation and gratitude for the increases contained in the Budget; these dollars will help improve the lives of many," said Sauer.

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LeadingAge Wisconsin is a non-profit association comprised of more than 200 mission-driven member organizations, including nursing facilities, facilities for the developmentally disabled, independent and assisted living facilities, and community service agencies. Statewide, LeadingAge Wisconsin members employ over 38,000 people who provide compassionate care to more than 48,000 individuals daily.