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The **Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network** is a collaborative group of individuals and associations working with and for Wisconsin's older adults to shape public policy to improve their quality of life.

Core member organizations:

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW)

Alzheimer's Association SE Wisconsin Chapter

Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association (WADSA)

Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A)

Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists (WABS)

Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND)

Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC)

Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA)

Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA)

Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association

WAAN Applauds Governor Evers' Executive Order Establishing a Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices

(MADISON, WI) – The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) strongly supports Governor Evers' recent signing of [Executive Order #39](#) creating a Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices. This Task Force has been directed to address the rising cost of prescription drug prices and the financial burden that prescription drug prices place on older adults and other Wisconsin residents.

“Every week, agencies in Wisconsin's aging network hear from people that ration medications such as insulin, heart medications, anti-cancer drugs, and pain medications. We also see people who routinely have to choose between picking up their medications and buying food. It's heartbreaking,” commented Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and WAAN Chair. “The Governor's Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices brings together key stakeholders to identify the potential actions needed to reduce prescription drug costs for all who are impacted in our state.”

Nearly 9 in 10 older adults report taking at least one prescription medication and more than fifty percent of adults age 65 and older report taking four or more prescription medications. Nearly 1 in 4 older adults indicate it is difficult to afford their prescription medications. Prescription drug costs and other out-of-pocket medical expenses pose a significant financial challenge for low-income older adults. Addressing the high cost of prescription drug costs will help to alleviate some of the economic hardship.

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network is a collaborative group of 10 statewide associations and numerous individuals working with and for Wisconsin's older adults to shape public policy to improve their quality of life.

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