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LeadingAge Wisconsin Applauds Governor's Long-Term Care Budget Proposals

Madison – LeadingAge Wisconsin applauds the Governor's announced 2021-2023 budget initiatives necessary to improve the State's long-term care and services system.

"The proposed budget includes several key initiatives to address the caregiver workforce crisis and provide new dollars to ensure access to high quality long-term care and services. Our mothers, fathers, and other family members living in long-term care, assisted living facilities and community-based settings throughout Wisconsin, and their caregivers, need and deserve these investments," said John Sauer, President/CEO of Leading Age Wisconsin.

Sauer, who served on the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving, said the group spent more than a year analyzing challenges within the long-term care system and possible solutions.

"The bottom line is there is widespread agreement on the need for new funding. We heard similar stories from across the state about the struggles facing older adults and persons with a disability. We also heard about how Medicaid and Family Care investments will make a difference for the dedicated caregivers serving our loved ones and helping ensure they have excellent care and support. The need for long-term care and services in some way touches all of us; therefore, we all have a stake in how long-term care is funded in the upcoming budget," said Sauer.

Sauer said he and his members look forward to working with legislative leaders and members throughout the state during the upcoming budget season to address these issues.

LeadingAge Wisconsin is a statewide membership association of mission-driven organizations principally serving older adults and persons with a disability. LeadingAge Wisconsin serves over 550 long-term care, assisted living, and senior housing facilities and over 300 other community-based providers that provide programs such as Alzheimer's support, adult day care, home health, hospice, home care, and meals on wheels. LeadingAge Wisconsin members employ over 38,000 individuals who provide compassionate care and service to over 48,000 residents/tenants/clients each day.

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