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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: March 29, 2024

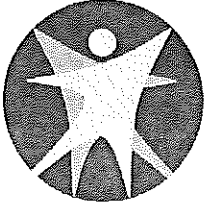
Re: DHS Letter to JFC

Attached is a letter notifying the Committee of the Department of Health Services intent to renew the Family Care federal 1915(b) managed care waiver and the concurrent Family Care/Family Care Partnership 1915(c) home and community-based waiver, pursuant to s. 20.940(4), Stats.

This letter is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor  
Kirsten L. Johnson, Secretary

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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Senate Co-Chair  
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The Honorable Mark Born, Assembly Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

Per s. 20.940(4), created by 2017 Act 370, I am writing to notify you that the Department intends to renew the Family Care federal 1915(b) managed care waiver and the concurrent Family Care/Family Care Partnership 1915(c) home and community-based services waiver. The expiration date of the current waivers for both programs is December 31, 2024.

The Department plans to submit its proposed waiver renewals to the Committee for review no later than May 2024.

Prior to submission of the renewal requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), DHS must also provide public notice, offer a period for public comment on the proposed renewal, and engage in tribal consultation. It will take a period of up to three months to receive and evaluate these comments.

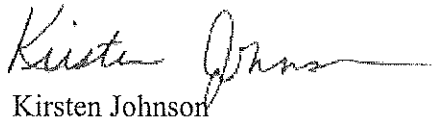
DHS must submit the renewal request to CMS no later than 90 days prior to expiration, or October 1, 2024. However, CMS recommends submission of the renewal more than 90 days prior to allow sufficient time for CMS to complete its review. It is our intention to submit the waiver to CMS by August 5, 2024.

The Family Care and Family Care Partnership programs provide long-term care services and support to over 56,500 of Wisconsin's most vulnerable adults with physical and developmental disabilities and our frail elders. The daily supports provided through these programs are critical

to allowing enrollees to continue living independently in their homes and communities. Given the crucial role of these programs, it is very important to receive federal approval prior to the current waivers' expiration date.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kirsten Johnson  
Secretary-designee