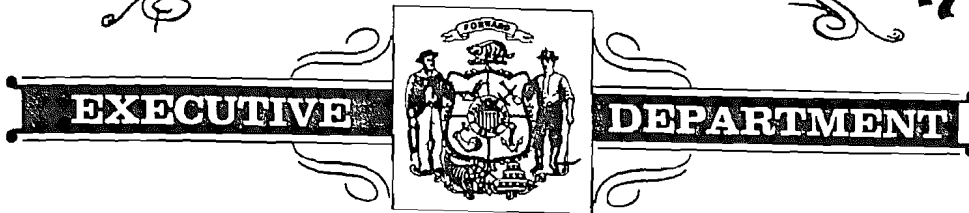


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WHEREAS, ensuring that Wisconsin's elderly and disabled citizens receive quality long term care at reasonable costs is a function of the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's 450 nursing homes provide care to approximately 50,000 such persons in the state, the vast majority of whom have their care paid by Medical Assistance, a joint federal and state health insurance program for low-income people; and

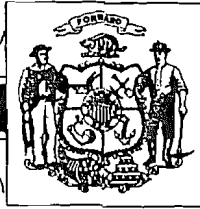
WHEREAS, the reimbursement policies of the Medical Assistance program have a major impact on both the financial well-being of Wisconsin's nursing homes and the state's ability to contain the costs of the program and these policies require periodic review and revision;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Anthony S. Earl, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority of Wis. Stats. § 14.019, do order the following:

1. There is established a Governor's Task Force on Nursing Home Reimbursement, consisting of no more than six members appointed by the Governor, whose chairperson will be designated by the Governor;
2. The Task Force shall examine whether current nursing home reimbursement policies strike a proper balance between ensuring the availability of quality nursing home care for Wisconsin citizens and providing incentives for containment of nursing home care costs paid by Medical Assistance.
3. The Task Force shall consider (a) how to define "economically and efficiently operated nursing homes" under the nursing home formula for purposes of meeting federal reimbursement requirements, (b) how labor costs should be reimbursed under the formula and (c) how capital costs should be reimbursed under the formula.
4. The Task Force shall conclude its deliberations by June 1, 1984 and present to the Governor a written report of its findings and recommendations by June 30, 1984.
5. Pursuant to Stats. § 20.503(3)(a) the Secretary of the Department of Administration shall provide the Task Force with sums of money sufficient for necessary and proper travel and operating expenses.

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6. The Secretaries of the Departments of Administration and Health and Social Services shall provide all necessary staff for the Task Force.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed, at the Capitol in Madison, this day, December 29, 1983.

Anthony S. Earl

Anthony S. Earl, Governor



By The Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State