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Details: Department of Health and Family Services Update and Long Term Care. Hearing held in Madison, Wisconsin on October 17, 2006.

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Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Oct 17th Select Committee on Health Care Reform hearing

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 2:34 PM
To: Hermes, Ron
Subject: Oct 17th Select Committee on Health Care Reform hearing

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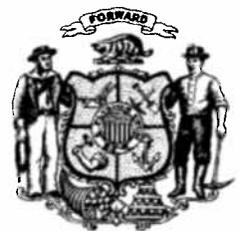
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Thanks!
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Dick Sweet

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 3:26 PM
To: Volz, David
Cc: Rose, Laura; Sweet, Richard
Subject: Oct 17th hearing

Hi Dave,

Is there anyone specific that Alberta would like to hear from at the Oct hearing?

Carol and I haven't had a chance to discuss the hearing but several people have contacted her asking to testify. With the exception of the Partnership topic, I don't know what Carol's thoughts are on the other potential speakers or issue areas.

***Partnership** (encourage people to purchase LTC insurance and in return allow them to retain a portion of their assets when their policy runs out and they need Medical Assistance).

-Laura DeGolier (Insurance industry)

-CMS...I am trying to get someone from CMS to discuss the federal changes that now allow for Partnership. This person can also talk about what states need to do.

Yes
the
Mark Meiners...he is an expert in this area and gives presentations in many states on the issue. Not sure yet if is available.

-Someone from a state currently offering a Partnership program. I have a call into David Guttchen from Connecticut. I am working with NCSL and they will likely be able to pay for this person to come here.

Phone
about the
-Gail Sumi, AARP

Asset Transfers by MA recipients

-Lisa Roys, State Bar...she wants to talk about the new regulations included in the federal Deficit Reduction Act and stress that the state should slow down in implementing the longer look back. I think if she testifies we should have someone testify who is on the other side of the issue as well.

Family Care

10 min Return
-Tom Fraizer (Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups) and Lynn Breedlove (Disability Rights Wisconsin)...They want to talk about the DHFS budget proposal relating to Family Care and the positive evaluation of Family Care from a year ago.

Nursing Home Care

-Jodi Bloch...Would like to have someone testify about the WHA members who are subsidizing nursing homes to keep them open in their communities. I have a call into her to find out more specifics.

Yes
-Someone from the nursing home community...we could learn more about their issues/ideas for reform. I am not sure there are many new reform ideas. They will probably emphasize the need for an increase in MA reimbursement.

Small units: Craig, Belady, Orr, Clark, etc.

Department of Health and Family Services

Do we want them to speak on:
The federal Deficit Reduction Act changes they have included in their budget request?

20 min total

- * Family Care?
- * Update on relocation initiative?
- * Explanation of the Dec. 2005 letter DHFS sent to the Legislators who asked the Dept. to review MA waivers that have been implemented in other states?
- * The DHFS will speak about MA fraud. We wanted them to testify at the Sept. hearing because Digital Health Care will be there but the person DHFS wanted to send is not available this week.

Electronic Medical Records

MP - There was some mention at the meeting we had in Carol's office last week about inviting someone from the Governor's eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board.

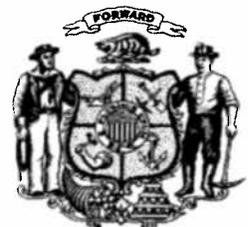
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Thanks,

Jennifer



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Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Revised list

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:45 AM
To: Volz, David
Cc: Rose, Laura; Sweet, Richard
Subject: Revised list

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Leg. Council? yes, 9/29 left message for Dick Sweet
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Nursing Home Care

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Someone from the nursing home industry... maybe Jim McGinn.

9/28 - call into Jim McGinn (he is contacting Tom Moore + John Sawyer) - Oversight new Regs

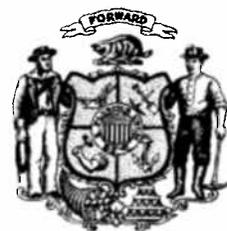
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*9/29 - left mess. for Jim...
overview + reform ideas?*



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Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Hearing Request

From: Leonis, Peter (CMS/MC) [mailto:Peter.Leonis@cms.hhs.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 4:45 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: Hearing Request

Hi Jennifer, per our conversation earlier this week we will be able to provide testimony at your hearing on October 17 regarding the Long Term Care Partnership Program. I will plan on reaching back out to you late next week with an outline of our testimony. In the mean time if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison
233 N. Michigan Ave Chicago IL 60601
312 353 3817

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From: Volz, David
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:37 AM
To: Stegall, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Revised list

I think this looks good. One thing in this area that was talked about in a June meeting with AD and CR was hospice care. I don't really have any thoughts on what to do there, but maybe you want to mention it to CR to see if she wants to pursue it.

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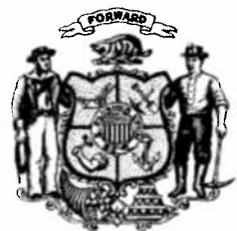
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WHA -
testify?

From: Stegall, Jennifer
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To: 'jbloch@wha.org'
Subject: Oct 17th Health Care Reform Committee

Hi Jodi,

I hope you had a great weekend. I am back to work full time and am working on the Oct. 17th Health Care Reform hearing. It's kind of hard to get back into it after having time off this Summer! Oh well, I guess that is the way it goes :)

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Let me know what you think.

Thanks,
Jennifer



Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Testifying before the Wisconsin Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 2:42 PM
To: 'Maryann@insightitci.com'
Subject: Testifying before the Wisconsin Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

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Let me know if you are interested in participating.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Testifying before the Wisconsin Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

From: Stegall, Jennifer

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 3:28 PM

To: Mary Ann Hack

Subject: RE: Testifying before the Wisconsin Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

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When you get a chance, please provide me with your contact information. We will call you on the 17th and link you up to the system so that you will be on conference call.

If you want to talk to me any time before Oct. 17th, I can be reached at 608-266-5300.

Thank you!
Jennifer

From: Mary Ann Hack [mailto:indymam@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 3:06 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: Re: Testifying before the Wisconsin Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Jennifer:

I would be happy to share IN's experiences with its Partnership Program. If you could give me an idea as to what you believe would interest the committee members, I will prepare a testimony to share with you & them. I believe 10am your time is 11am my time. So, any time between 10am and noon your time will work fine for me. Just let me know. Would it be helpful to plug me into the committee hearing when the topic of Partnership Programs begin, so I can hear testimony occurring prior to mine, so I can clarify or address issues brought up during my testimony?

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*Mary Ann -
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Partnership
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FYI...

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- Update on Family Care and the relocation initiative. Any update information available for nursing home diversion.
- Explanation of the letter the Dept. sent to CR and AD regarding MA waivers. Let me know if you need a copy of this.
- MA fraud...response to DHI testimony...going after third party payers.

Let me know if there are any problems with these issues or if you need anything further from me.

Thanks!

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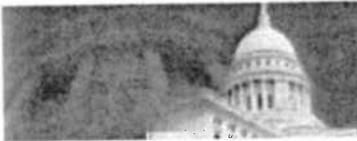
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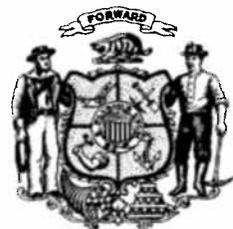
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Subject: FW: Oct 17th Health Care Reform Committee**Attachments:** Jack 3 months drool.jpg

From: Stegall, Jennifer**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2006 11:13 AM**To:** 'Bloch, Jodi'**Subject:** RE: Oct 17th Health Care Reform Committee

Thanks! I am adjusting to coming back to work. I still feel a little guilty for having someone else take care of Jack all day. It's hard to accept that I can't do it all...full time mom, full time worker. I am sure it gets easier as time goes on :) I attached a picture of one of Jack's 3 month old pics.

I think it is fine for Bill to talk about low reimbursement and the impact it has on costs but it would be great if he could share other problems/solutions with the committee as well. I do think it is important for the members to hear about WHA members subsidizing nursing homes and what happens when that support can't be continued. Overall, the co-chairs have heard a lot about the need for increased reimbursement rates and understand the impact. Reimbursement is a huge piece of the puzzle but what other things need to be done? Any reform ideas? The representatives from the nursing home industry may have more to offer in that area. Does that make sense? It's not that Carol doesn't want people to talk about the financial problems the industry is experiencing, she just wants the discussion to go beyond that.

Let me know when you hear from Bill if he is available to testify. Also let me know if you have any other concerns or questions.

Thanks!

Jennifer

From: Bloch, Jodi [mailto:jbloch@wha.org]**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2006 10:38 AM**To:** Stegall, Jennifer**Subject:** RE: Oct 17th Health Care Reform Committee

Welcome back! How's working motherhood treating you?

I know Carol is not thrilled with hearing about the impact of low reimbursement and the need for more adequate funding of MA for both nursing homes and hospitals, but the reality is that it is having a major impact on costs and the Legislature needs to prioritize. If they don't want to hear about that, then I can tell Bill not to come as I know he will not leave this out as he had to close 2/3 of his nursing home beds this spring as the hospital just couldn't afford to subsidize it anymore. Residents and their families were very upset as there wasn't another very local option for them to go. I'm sure he will focus on other things too. I sent him an email yesterday to see if he still has it on his calendar and I will let you know when I hear back from him.

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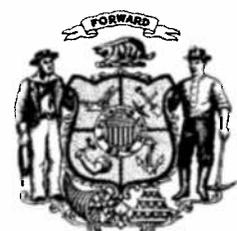
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From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 1:03 PM
To: 'Jim McGinn'
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care

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With respect to the hearing, I am not sure what long-term care concerns the committee wants addressed. We have recently completed a summary of Medicaid deficits that nursing homes have experienced in payment year 2005-06 which we could present to the committee, and comment on staffing, utility costs, efforts to convert to private rooms, and closures and downsizing of nursing homes in the past few years.

However, if there are other areas of long-term care you wish to discuss, perhaps we could meet early next week to determine the committee's specific needs. Just give me a call or e-mail at your convenience.

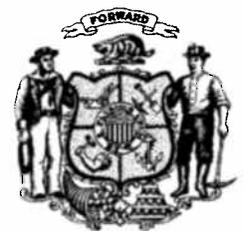
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Thank you for the e-mail regarding the hearing on the 17th. Both associations will appear together, probably Executive Director Tom Moore from the WI Health Care Association (WHCA) and Executive Director John Sauer from the WI Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (WAHSA). If those two cannot attend, Tom Ramsey from WAHSA and I will appear.

Jim

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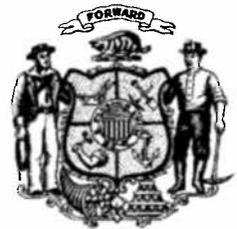
However, if there are other areas of long-term care you wish to discuss, perhaps we could meet early next week to determine the committee's specific needs. Just give me a call or e-mail at your convenience.

Thank you,

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Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: October 17th Hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:55 PM
To: 'tramsey@wahsa.org'
Cc: 'Jim McGinn'; Volz, David; Rose, Laura; Sweet, Richard
Subject: RE: October 17th Hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Hi Tom,

Yes, we would like to hear from the WAHSA and would appreciate hearing from John Sauer. I will contact Craig about having a WCA representative testify as well. I think John and Tom can testify together. Testimony should be limited to 10-15 minutes. Senator Roessler is looking for any reform ideas either organization may have. They can provide an update of how the industry is doing, explain the challenges it is facing and how are they coping, etc. I expect MA reimbursement will be a huge issue and one they will want to discuss. Senator Roessler is fine with a discussion about MA reimbursement and the financial problems the industry faces but would also like to hear suggestions/reform ideas beyond increased MA reimbursement. I hope this helps. Please let me know if you want to talk further.

Thanks,
Jennifer

From: Tom Ramsey [mailto:tramsey@wahsa.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 10:53 AM
To: Stegall, Jennifer
Subject: October 17th Hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Jennifer,

It's my understanding Jim McGinn of the Wisconsin Health Care Association (WHCA) spoke with you the other day concerning testimony to be provided by nursing home representatives at the October 17th hearing of the Senate Select Committee. Jim's members are primarily for-profit providers; the WI Assn. of Homes and Services for the Aging (WAHSA), which I represent, primarily is comprised of not-for-profit providers, although we also represent 45 county nursing homes. Since testimony at the hearing is to be provided by invited guests only, I wanted to clarify that WAHSA Executive Director John Sauer will be allowed to provide testimony. If so, would you like John to testify with Tom Moore of the WHCA or separately (you should assume they will offer differing perspectives on some issues)? Despite the fact WAHSA represents virtually all Wisconsin's county nursing homes, I would suggest you ask Craig Thompson or someone else from the Wisconsin Counties Association to provide the county perspective on long-term care issues if I assume correctly that that would be of importance to committee members. Finally, if John Sauer is to testify, which we certainly hope he will be asked or allowed to do, what would committee members like to hear from him and how long should his testimony be?

If you should have any questions of me, please feel free to either e-mail me or call me at 255-7060.

Thanks, Jennifer.

Tom Ramsey
WI Assn. of Homes and Services for the Aging

10/05/2006



Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Question re: Health Opportunity Accounts

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hermes, Ron
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 11:16 AM
To: Stegall, Jennifer
Subject: Question re: Health Opportunity Accounts

Hi Jennifer-

~~It was one of many proposals that was looked at as the Department was developing BadgerCare Plus. However, it was determined that HOA's would end up being a cost "upper" to WI Medicaid. (It is important to note, that the federal budget office made the same determination this would cost the federal medicaid budget more money.) In addition, the program would be very difficult to administer. So, no, WI did not apply.~~

Let me know if you have any questions. Jason Helgerson (DHFS EA) has offered to discuss this with Carol in more detail, if she is interested.

Ron

>>> "Stegall, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Stegall@legis.wisconsin.gov> 10/06/06
3:39 PM >>>
Hi Ron,

Laura Tobler, NCSL, included in her power point presentation a slide regarding DRA Health Opportunity Accounts. She indicated that the DRA establishes a demonstration program in up to 10 states to allow high deductible medical service plans plus contributions to a Health Opportunity Account. The deadline to get application materials in was Oct. 2nd. She indicated the feds would choose states in November.

Did
WI. apply?

Thanks!
Jennifer

*Waiver
would allow.*



Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Oct 17th hearing

From: Stegall, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 4:22 PM
To: Hermes, Ron
Cc: Volz, David; Sweet, Richard; Rose, Laura
Subject: Oct 17th hearing

Hi,

After reviewing the memo DHFS sent regarding waiver proposals in different states, the co-chairs would like the Secretary to address the following issues:

* Pay for Performance: The DHFS memo indicates that, "We are introducing pay for performance measures under managed care contracts and currently have performance measurement requirements to improve health outcomes." The BadgerCare Plus summary indicates, "fourteen HMOs are participating in the Department's pay for performance initiative." The co-chairs would like more information about the pay for performance initiative.

*Credits for Healthy Activities: The memo from DHFS references that in the Florida program, "Individuals that participate in State defined healthy activities may receive credits up to an unspecified amount, which they can use for uncovered health services or to purchase private health care coverage if they lose Medicaid coverage." The BadgerCare Plus summary says, "For example, one HMO may explore establishing individual cash accounts, similar to Florida's proposal..." The co-chairs would like more information about individual cash accounts and how they might be used in the WI. MA program. Would a federal waiver be necessary before the state could pursue using these accounts?

*Carol mentioned that the state hired someone to look into whether DHFS is maximizing efforts to obtain federal dollars. The co-chairs would like an update on this.

In Summary, DHFS would speak to the issues listed above in addition to those we discussed earlier. Those issues are: (1) Deficit Reduction Act changes the Department has included in its budget request (2) An update on Family Care and the Relocation Initiative (3) Efforts the Department has taken to ensure third party payers are getting billed properly (ensuring MA not paying bills it is not responsible for..MA fraud...DHI).

Let me know if you need any further information from me or if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks!
Jennifer