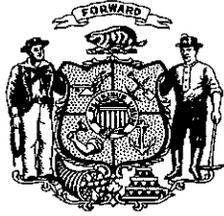


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: March 31, 2020

Re: DHS Letter to JFC

Attached is a letter notify the Committee that the Department intends to renew the Include Respect I Self-Direct (IRIS) federal 1915(c) community-based services waiver from the Department of Health Services, 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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The Honorable John Nygren, Assembly Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Per s. 20.940(4), created by 2017 Act 370, I am writing to notify you that the Department intends to renew the Include Respect I Self-Direct (IRIS) federal 1915(c) community-based services waiver. The expiration date of the current waiver is December 31, 2020.

The Department plans to submit its proposed waiver renewals to the Committee for review in April 2020.

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 2, 2020. However, CMS recommends submission of the renewal request 120 days prior to expiration to allow sufficient time for CMS to complete its review. It is our goal to follow this recommendation and submit the waiver to CMS on September 2, 2020.

The IRIS program provides self-directed long-term care services and supports to over 20,500 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

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independently. 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 black ink, appearing to be 'Andrea Palm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Palm
Secretary