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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 30, 2020

Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a monthly implementation progress report for the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to s. 20.940(3)(c)2, Stats.

This report 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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Tony Evers, Governor  
Andrea Palm, Secretary

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The Honorable Alberta Darling, Senate Co-Chair  
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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(3)(c)2., created by 2017 Act 370, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to submit to the Joint Finance Committee a monthly implementation progress report for the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project, which was approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on October 31, 2018. This letter serves as the progress report for the month of April 2020.

For the past several weeks, Wisconsin has been fully engaged in efforts to protect the health and safety of our fellow citizens during the public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to thank the Legislature for the actions taken in 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 to support the pandemic response. Among other measures, Act 185 enables the state to qualify for enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds by suspending premiums and health risk assessment requirements and delaying the implementation deadline for the community engagement component of the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project.

In light of the Act 185 provisions and due to our current focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, DHS has not made further progress toward implementing the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project this month. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Palm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Palm  
Secretary-designee