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Rep. Rozar on Medicaid Reimbursement Increase

Madison, WI – The Wisconsin Department of Health Services was just granted approval by the Joint Committee on Finance to use new federal money to provide a 5% increase to reimbursement rates for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). Types of HCBS receiving this rate increase include: alcohol and drug abuse, behavioral treatment, in-home nursing, mental health, in-home occupational therapy, respiratory care, respite, and self-directed personal care, among others.

Representative Donna Rozar (R-Marshfield) advocated among her colleagues for approval of this funding and issued this statement after funding was secured:

“As a nurse, I have first-hand knowledge of the benefits in-home services provide and I could not be more pleased to see this funding increase approved. I strongly support this type of funding being used to supplement wages of the people doing the work on the ground so we can recruit and retain top-tier healthcare workers within these critical systems. I appreciate that the service providers in these areas are being recognized for their hard work, but I’m even more pleased for the clients who will have better outcomes for their health needs by being cared for by appropriately compensated individuals. I want to thank my colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee for approving this important request.”

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