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Meyers Statement on Wisconsin's Nursing Home Reimbursement System

Wisconsin has the worst Medicaid reimbursement system for skilled nursing facilities in the nation

MADISON – State Representative Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield) issued the following response to the recent study in the April 2016 *Report on Shortfalls in Medicaid Funding for Nursing Center Care*, prepared by the national accounting/consulting firms of Eljay LLP and Hansen Hunter & Company PC for the American Health Care Association. This study concluded that Wisconsin has the worst Medicaid reimbursement system for skilled nursing facilities in the nation, based on a national report comparing state-by-state costs incurred by facilities for care of frail elderly residents and the Medicaid reimbursement those facilities receive.

“As someone who represents so many individuals who live within skilled nursing facilities, as well as the hard working employees in these facilities, I’m appalled that the reimbursement rates are so inadequate while we continue to ask more from highly trained staff. We in the legislature need to find more ways to address this shortfall, and I’m hopeful that we can find ways to improve this broken reimbursement system going forward,” said Meyers.

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