

Medicaid/Family Care Funding

Iola Living Assistance

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How is Medicaid/Family Care Funded?

- The Wisconsin Medicaid Program receives 60% of its funds from the Federal Government
 - o The remaining 40% is funded by the State of Wisconsin
- Bed Tax: a tax imposed on all SNFs to help capture Federal money to help support nursing home rates
 - o SNFs **pay \$170** per bed per month → **\$102,000** per year for a 50 bed Facility
 - o **HOWEVER**, the majority of this money was diverted to fund other areas of the Medicaid program and expand the Family Care program.

Worst in the NATION

- Wisconsin has the worst Medicaid reimbursement system for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) when compared to costs incurred for caring for the elderly.
- **\$331.8 Million** was not reimbursed to SNFs across the state for providing care to the elderly in 2015.
- On average SNFs in Wisconsin **lose \$55.89** per Medicaid/Family Care Individual per day while caring for these individuals.

Effect on Iola Living Assistance

- The cost to care for an individual at ILA is \$228/day
 - o Medicaid/Family Care only reimburses us \$163/day
 - That is a **loss of \$65** per day per Medicaid/Family Care Individual
- The bigger picture...
 - o 2013: **\$499,000** total Medicaid/Family Care **loss**
 - o 2014: **\$431,000** total Medicaid/Family Care **loss**
 - o 2015: **\$459,000** total Medicaid/Family Care **loss**
 - o 2016 YTD: **\$474,000** total Medicaid/Family Care **loss**
 - \$1.86 Million Dollars in 4 years**

'How does this affect us at ILA?'

- Inability to recruit / retain qualified Staff,
- Loss/decrease of Wage increases,
- Loss/decrease of Benefits,
- Lower Wages,
- Loss of Jobs.

Effect of ILA on the Community

- Iola Living Assistance Inc. currently has 95 employees
 - o Which equals \$2.9 million in wages and benefits annually
- Peace of mind, knowing your loved ones will be able to continue to live in Iola when they need rehab or nursing care.
- Community ties/involvement
 - o The people who work here, live here
 - ILA Employees support local businesses
 - ILA Employee are involved in community service organizations
 - ILA Employees attend local churches
 - ILA Employees send their children to local schools
 - **ILA Employees support their community**