

## Family Care and Dane County What does it mean to individuals with physical disabilities?

Family Care will impact adults with disabilities currently being served in Dane County's CIP/COP waiver program. When Family Care rolls out in 2018 they will have a choice of enrolling in either Managed Care or the self-directed IRIS option.

Adults who are receiving MA personal care will also be required to enroll in either Managed Care or the self-directed IRIS option.

Family Care and IRIS will reduce and eventually eliminate the waiting list for individuals with physical disabilities in receiving long term care services.

Family Care and IRIS will provide needed home modifications which will allow individuals to live independently in their homes in an integrated community setting which is far less costly than institutional care.

Family Care and IRIS will provide needed supportive home care allowing an individual to not just live in the community of their choice but also thrive.

Family Care and IRIS will allow adults with physical disabilities who currently live with their parents to lead an independent life while receiving the needed support services

All Family Care and IRIS eligible participants will have the option to fully self-direct their services and supports which will result in more choice

Family Care and IRIS will also help families that are struggling to provide support to family member with disabilities to give more opportunities and choice to assist their family member in achieving independence.

## **Concerns**

A great concern is personal care agency's ability to sustain the living wage recommendations without a subsidy from the County. Agencies will have to rely on MCO's rates to sustain the current 2017 \$12.50 an hour and proposed \$13.00 in 2018 without a subsidy. If Managed care organization's rates are insufficient it could further impact the workforce crisis we are experiencing in Dane County ultimately leaving people with disabilities vulnerable by not receiving the necessary personal care support and ultimately impacting their health, well-being, and independence.

Transportation services will most likely be negatively impacted by moving to Family Care, currently Dane County through its waiver dollars contracts with Madison Metro for needed transportation services. Without these funds, Metro would most likely need to reduce their transportation services.

Participants who currently receive services through a waiver program will need education on Family Care and IRIS before the program rolls out in 2018. Individuals and their families need to gain an understanding of how receiving services from a managed care organization vs IRIS works.

Dane County has been the health and safety net for many individuals with disabilities, with the coming of Family Care, Dane county may need to evaluate where best to continue their support.

## **Recommendation**

We also recommend an advisory / transition committee of providers representing all target groups (DD, PD, elderly) be developed to provide

ongoing information to a County Board and to provide communication and education to consumers.

Thank you for your time,

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