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**CREATING NEW ACCOUNT FOR DEMENTIA RELATED INPATIENT SERVICES
DCDHS – ACS DIVISION**

Within Adult Community Services (ACS), the Long Term Care / Aging programs are responsible for assisting in the timely and effective discharge of individuals with a Dementia diagnosis who are Emergency Detained (ED) to Mendota Mental Health Institute Geriatric Treatment Unit (GTU) or Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI). In most cases, the individual is ED'd to one of the institutes because they have become physically aggressive toward peers or family members in their home setting.

In 2016 19 individuals with Dementia were admitted to an institute for a total of 473 days at a total cost to the county of \$284,404.96.

Admissions to an Institute are further complicated for individuals with Dementia because Dementia is not viewed as a "treatable mental illness" under a 2012 ruling by the State Supreme Court identified as the Helen E.F. decision. The Court affirmed that Helen E. F., an 85 year old woman with Dementia, could not be committed to an Institute under Chapter 51 because she did not have a treatable illness – a requirement under Chapter 51. As a result, persons with Dementia are often converted from a Chapter 51 to a Chapter 50 when they are ED'd and must be discharged from an Institute within 30 day of their Probable Cause Hearing.

Finding a setting within 30 days for an individual with Dementia who may still be exhibiting physical behaviors towards themselves or others can be extremely challenging. Many providers are fearful that their staff or other residents may be hurt by the individual, that they don't have enough staff to ensure the individual's safety under the guidelines of their license and/or that the setting is not designed to ensure the safety of the individual (i.e. doors are not alarmed).

Additionally, 30 days is often not enough time for staff and psychiatrists at the Institutes to fully evaluate the effectiveness of any medication changes they may make.

Due to the short time frame during which an individual with Dementia can be admitted to an Institute and due to the lack of Dementia specific settings in Dane County that can support the needs of a person needing more time to assessed and evaluated for a successful return to a less restrictive setting it has been necessary to seek appropriate settings outside of Dane County. La Crosse County's Lakeview Health Center in West Salem, Wisconsin is one such setting.

Lakeview Health Center and is approximately two and one half hours from Madison. They provide specialized assessment, treatment and support to persons with Dementia in a secure, state licensed setting. They are also able to support individuals who may be exhibiting physical aggressions towards staff and/or peers. At a daily rate of \$455 per day it could an appropriate setting to which persons could be diverted from an Institute or act as a step down setting until the person is ready to return to a more community based setting. The daily rate is approximately 1/3 less than the daily rate at an Institute which is about \$1200 per day.

Funding for this service is already in the Department of Human Services budget.

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that expenditure accounts be modified as follows and
51 that a new expenditure account be added in the Aging / Long Term Care section of the
52 Department of Human Services.

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
55 ACCIIMMH	INMDAA	Mendota Inpatient	[\$71,250]
57 ACCIILAC(new)	INMDAA(new)	Ravenwood Behavioral Health	<u>\$71,250</u>
58		Total Expenditure	\$0