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Description: County Legislative Agenda Items

Hello. After doing a quick scan, below are the biggest areas that could affect AAA. Although many of them fall under the HHN umbrella so I would guess that they have the final word on what gets added. AAA could make recommendations, but that committee would decide whether or not they get added and someone on that committee would have to move to add them.

- **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.
- **Handicap Access:** Support “visit ability” legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.
- **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.
- **Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC):** Support increasing state funds to expand and fully fund ADRC services and support programs across the state including funds for dementia care specialists, elder benefits specialists, and care transition services. Oppose efforts to privatize ADRCs.
- **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.
- **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.
- **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55.
- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** • Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Past contracts lacked strong accountability or oversight measures and rewarded vendors for denying rides resulting in complaints about the quality and consistency. Support efforts to hold NEMT vendors accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving rather than denying rides.
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and neglect.