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Dear Survival Members:

There is still much that Survival members can do to share their priorities about Wisconsin's long-term care system. Please share the below message with your membership.

Long-Term Care: Four action steps you can take in December

In December DHS must submit its quarterly report to the Joint Finance Committee as required by the budget, and tell how it has engaged with stakeholders on long term care changes.

This is another opportunity to engage with policy-makers and let them know you are watching and concerned about the future of Wisconsin's long term care system.

Individuals with disabilities and family members, have a shared interest in the long-range sustainability and quality of Family Care. Ultimately, you have to live with whatever the new system is.

Four action steps you can take in December

- Contact your legislator with your list of critical questions, sample questions below. (Go to "Find My Legislators" box on this website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov>)
- Provide feedback to your legislator on the DHS process thus far, and your unresolved concerns about long-term care.
- Ask your legislators to watch for DHS's report and assess the Department's answers to your questions
- Make sure your legislator accesses the national experts that presented at a legislative informational public hearing on Medicaid Managed Care, Family Care-IRIS 2.0 on November 18th (presentations archived here: <http://www.wiseeye.org/Programming/VideoArchive/EventDetail.aspx?evhdid=10265>)

Sample critical questions

- How will we know if the new system is working?
- What goals, outcomes are we aiming for?
- How do we know when we've met the goals/outcomes, and how do we measure quality and performance?
- What happens if a provider or IHA is not doing a good job?
- Will the rates ensure there is an incentive to keep me in or move me into the

community rather than an institution?

DHS has indicated they expect the new system to result in cost-containment or cost-savings in Family Care.

- Where specifically—long term care, self-direction, primary/acute care, behavioral health— does DHS expect to see savings?
- How much will we save and when will we see the savings?