



Milwaukee County

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LIFT THE CAP TO HELP FAMILIES TAKE CARE OF LOVED ONES

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., is encouraging State lawmakers to lift the enrollment cap on Family Care. He released the following statement this afternoon:

“My message to the Governor and legislature is clear: Remove the cap for Family Care and other long-term care programs. We must work together to ensure that Milwaukee County continues to have a safety net. Our residents need help to take care of their loved ones.

“As a member of the County Board’s Health & Human Needs Committee, I appreciate that the Senate Committee on Health is taking up legislation to lift the Family Care enrollment cap. This is an encouraging sign, and I urge the Assembly to also consider legislation to lift the cap.

“Lifting the cap statewide is estimated to cost \$72 million. Unfortunately, the companion bills under consideration do not include funding to lift the cap. The State should not rob Peter to pay Paul. Full funding should be provided to administer this program statewide, not just in Milwaukee County. It’s unfortunate that this cap was self-imposed by the State. Any further delay could jeopardize Federal health care funds.

“Milwaukee County’s Department of Family Care successfully serves 7,700 older adults and people with disabilities. Milwaukee County has demonstrated that it can work within the budget, provided full funding is available.

“I am doing my part by looking out for the residents of Milwaukee County, and I know our legislators will reconsider their earlier action and do what’s right for the residents of Wisconsin.”

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