

RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas, the Medical Assistance Program is a Federal/State funded program with the Federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) providing 60% and the state of Wisconsin 40% of each dollar spent; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has implemented a provider assessment program that requires each facility to remit \$32.00 per bed per month for nursing facility beds (NF) and \$68.00 per month for Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (FDD); and

Whereas, the assessment funds are utilized by the state of Wisconsin to capture federal dollars through Federal Financial Participation (FFP); and

Whereas, the Federal Health Care Financing Administration is considering regulations that will limit states' ability to participate in the provider tax program; and

Whereas, there is a federal reimbursement law entitled Intergovernmental Transfers that Wisconsin could utilize in order to capture a greater amount of Federal matching funds at a significantly reduced risk of Federal interference; and

Whereas, such a program may require counties to pledge their full faith and credit for a specific amount based upon Iowa County's level of participation, which would be returned along with the newly captured funds and costs associated with the transaction; and

Whereas, in order to ensure that there is sufficient Federal money available to warrant participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (ITP) it is necessary for a consulting firm calculate the amount of Federal money Wisconsin can capture without reaching the "Medicare Upper Limit"; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Counties Association is the logical entity to coordinate county efforts in pursuit of creating an Intergovernmental Transfer Program (ITP).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors strongly supports pursuing an intergovernmental transfer program (ITP) in Wisconsin; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Iowa County Board of Supervisors requests Wisconsin Counties Association to contract with a consulting firm for the purpose of calculating the amount of federal dollars available, and if the amount available is sufficient, to pursue an agreement with the state of Wisconsin to begin implementation of the program; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors agrees to the following points:

- 1) WCA is designated Iowa County's agent for the purpose of effectuating the capture of increased federal dollars.
- 2) WCA will be reimbursed prorata by participating counties for contracting costs not to exceed \$40,000 if the consulting firm determines the amount of additional federal dollars available is less than \$5 million.
- 3) It is agreed that WCA has authority to recoup administrative costs incurred in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program through collection of a 1% fee applied to the total Federal revenues claimed and received under the ITP. If the 1% is less than WCA's actual costs, then WCA shall receive an amount equal to actual costs from the total funds captured under ITP by the counties.
- 4) Iowa County agrees to participate in the ITP should it prove to be beneficial to Iowa County by making funds available, to be returned in full, plus being reimbursed for any and all county costs associated with the ITP, within an agreed upon time frame.
- 5) Iowa County directs its nursing home administrator and other appropriate personnel to cooperate and facilitate participation in WCA's ITP efforts.
- 6) WCA assumes sole financial responsibility for the interest, direct and indirect administration of consulting services for the Intergovernmental Transfer program, consistent with the terms of this resolution.
- 7) Total costs per county not to exceed \$2,000.00 maximum.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1992.

Respectfully,

  
Richard M. Scullion, Chairman