

Resolution No. 7-1018

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF BEDS LICENSED AT
BLOOMFIELD HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors annually approves an operating budget for Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center was significantly over budget and is now considering cost saving efforts; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center is licensed as a 65 bed skilled nursing home facility and in 2017 had an average residential census of 51.53; and

WHEREAS, Leading Age, an association of Wisconsin nonprofit members that serve seniors and persons with disabilities, has estimated that Iowa County would experience a net operational financial gain of approximately \$175,140 per year by gradually reducing the number of licensed beds to 50.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center shall pursue maximizing the number of private rooms and implementing a reduction in the number of licensed beds beginning January 1, 2019. By reducing the number of beds, Bloomfield will:

1. Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates by 8% or \$144,540/yr.
2. Stabilize and reduce staff recruitment efforts.
3. Reduce support service needs.
4. Reduce bed licensing fees (\$170/bed per mo.) by \$30,600/yr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that existing employees and staffing needs are to be reduced through attrition and that employees shall not be laid off or terminated in order to accomplish this directive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that existing residents shall remain at Bloomfield without need to relocate and that any reduction in bed licensing shall occur naturally through attrition.

Respectfully submitted by the Health and Human Services Committee.