



Please read before the final budget vote on Long-term Care

Self-Direction in IRIS Works: It is a market-based approach which creates competition. It has resulted in improvements in Wisconsin- including less use of institutional care, improved quality of care, less reliance on public benefits, & expansion of the labor market for non-traditional workers.

IRIS Promotes Personal Responsibility and Less Government: IRIS participants manage their own authorized budgets reducing reliance on paid supports. Person-centered plans include only the services that participants need provided by caregivers they choose. This flexibility is not possible under layers of bureaucracy with big government or big insurance in control.

Committed to Sustainability: IRIS participants self-direct with full budget control and authority, using only what they need. 13% of the allocated budgets are not spent, so these funds never leave the state coffers.

A Long-term Care Program in it for the Long Haul: Save IRIS asks legislators to preserve IRIS in its entirety as a unique separate program. Please bring IRIS participants & their allies into work groups after budget season to help make difficult decisions & updates to grow a healthy IRIS for future generations.

STAYING
AT HOME



The average cost of a nursing home in Wisconsin is **\$238/day** - over **\$7100/month**. The #1 goal of IRIS is to keep people in their homes.



The Legislative Fiscal Bureau says that the current long-term care model will **save \$34 million** over the next 10 years.



Fewer Nursing Home Stays

Annual Medicaid nursing home days have dropped 35% in Wisconsin in 10 years, saving taxpayers \$300 million a year... from **8.8 million days** in 2002 to **5.7 million days** in 2012.

"Save IRIS" is a non-partisan grassroots movement of IRIS participants and their allies dedicated to preserving IRIS- Wisconsin's only long-term care option in which participants completely self-direct their supports and services.



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