

Collaborate

- Bring back Governor Tommy Thompson's process of using a Blue Ribbon Commission. Gather ALL stakeholders (legislature, government agencies, participants and families, advocates, providers, and experts) to ensure that ALL possible options are identified, fully researched, & considered.
- No one is more concerned about the sustainability of Long Term Care (LTC) than people with disabilities, their families and the people who support them. They are an integral & valuable part of the solution.

Make it Transparent

- Wisconsin citizens need to be assured that the process to develop a sustainable plan will be transparent, inclusive, and in the best interest of participants & taxpayers.

Give it Careful Consideration

- This is a costly & complex issue that requires adequate time & resources. Plenty of resources have been spent looking at the option of using large insurance companies to generate savings in LTC only to realize that it doesn't. Invest time & resources to explore smart and sustainable options.
- The time frame needed for this task should not be tied to a budget cycle nor should it be part of a budget unless the above mentioned process has produced an option that meets all objectives.



The Future of Wisconsin's Long-Term Care System: Slow it down and get it right!

What We Know:

- DHS has discovered that moving our current Long-Term Care (LTC) System to Family Care/IRIS 2.0 will not save Wisconsin taxpayers money.
- The current proposal has the potential to wreak havoc on the lives of the 60,000 Wisconsin citizens who rely on long-term care services, their families, and Wisconsin businesses.
- Wisconsin's Long Term Care System (Family Care/IRIS) is the funding source of last resort for Wisconsin's most vulnerable older adults and citizens with disabilities. This is the **safety net** that keeps people in their homes and communities and out of expensive nursing homes.
- Since the current proposal, Family Care/IRIS 2.0, does not result in taxpayer savings, we no longer need to worry about a tight timeframe to vote to move forward.

What We Should Do:

It's time to slow things down, look at the actual cost drivers (acute/primary medical care) and take a long view of how to keep our Long-Term Care System cost effective and sustainable for years to come.

