


**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: November 26, 2012

TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Peggy Romo-West, Chair, Committee on Health and Human Needs
Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Chair, Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit

FROM: Maria Ledger, Director, Department of Family Care 

SUBJECT: Request authorization to execute a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate a Managed Care Organization (MCO) to provide the Family Care benefit for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, and to accept the funding thereunder.

I respectfully request that the attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Health and Human Needs at its meeting on December 12, 2012 and the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit on December 13, 2012.

The State of Wisconsin authorized the long-term care program known as Family Care via enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9. Milwaukee County was one of five pilot counties authorized to provide the Family Care benefit to eligible residents and Milwaukee County has provided the Family Care benefit to residents of Milwaukee County since July 2000 previously through the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and currently through the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the legislature authorized the expansion of Family Care to all target groups, including all adults with a developmental disability, physical disability or frailties of aging over the age of 18 who reside in Milwaukee County. The Family Care benefit has been available to eligible and enrolled adult residents of Milwaukee County since November 2009.

The process for awarding contracts to continue to provide the Family Care benefit is set forth at s. 46.284 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes as follows: "The department may contract with counties, long-term care districts, the governing body of a tribe or band or the Great Lakes inter-tribal council, inc., or under a joint application of any of these, or with a private organization that has no significant connection to an entity that operates a resource center. Proposals for contracts under this subdivision shall be solicited under a competitive sealed proposal process under s. 16.75 (2m) and the department shall evaluate the proposals primarily as to the quality of care that is proposed to be provided, certify those applicants that meet the requirements specified in sub. (3) (a), select certified applicants for contract and contract with the selected applicants."

The Director, Department of Family Care requests authorization to execute a contract with the Department of Health Services enabling the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care to serve as a managed care organization (MCO) for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties and to accept the funding provided thereunder.

If you have questions concerning the proposed professional services contract between MCDFC and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, please contact Maria Ledger at 287-7610.

Attachment

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