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Message to the Governor: Eliminate the \$16.8 million budget cut to homecare providers!

Contact the Governor immediately!

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Why this homecare budget cut is unreasonable:

Homecare providers (personal care, home health and private duty/independent nursing) are the only long term care Medical Assistance providers targeted for budget cuts!

The 2005 average cost for the Personal Care program is \$1.92/hr above the current rate of \$15.84/hr before this budget cut happens

The last Personal Care rate increase was 1% in 2002.

From 1997-2003, over 110 home health agencies have closed or reduced programs, including personal care programs, in Wisconsin.

Independent nurses are private business owners who must pay their salaries, mileage, health insurance, liability insurance and pensions from their reimbursement rate.

Despite the \$16.8 million cut, homecare services are expected to serve an additional 2,740 people as part of the Governor's community relocation initiative as people move from nursing homes and developmental disability institutions into the community.

Background information on these homecare budget cuts:

The Governor's state budget proposal included a budget cut of \$10 million in total state and federal funds for homecare providers (home health, personal care and private duty/independent nursing). The Legislature raised the budget cut to \$16.8 million.