

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON REBALANCING DEMONSTRATION**

Wisconsin has a strong history of providing home and community-based long-term care to individuals who prefer to live in a community setting. The Money Follows the Person Demonstration provides additional resources to extend the opportunity home and community-based care to more individuals.

Wisconsin intends to rebalance its system through a managed long-term care strategy that ensures that the money “responds to the needs of the individual” in a comprehensive system rather than money having to be made to “follow the individual” in a fragmented system. Wisconsin’s goal is to have a managed long-term care system in place within five years. While that is likely to occur regardless of participation in this demonstration, the enhanced federal matching funds provided through the demonstration will facilitate the achievement of that goal.

The Department of Health and Family Services requests a total of \$56,282,998 in federal matching funds for activities under the demonstration. The funding request includes:

- \$53,482,379 - funding at the enhanced rate for Qualified HCB Services;
- \$2,159,857 - funding at the enhanced rate for HCB Demonstration Services; and
- \$640,762 - funding at the 50% Medicaid administrative rate for staff and administration.

Over the five years of the demonstration, Wisconsin expects to transition 1,322 eligible individuals from nursing facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation and Institutions for Mental Disease (as covered by the State Plan). Wisconsin also intends to increase the amount of funding

in the home and community-based long term care system by 44% over that time period.