

Disability Rights Wisconsin Strongly Opposes New Secret Plan to Reform Long-Term Care

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Despite months of hearings around the state where thousands of people with disabilities, frail elders, their families and caretakers said over and over again that their long-term care system was not broken and they wanted it preserved, Joint Finance Committee Republicans have today presented a new plan that gives people even less certainty and threatens the security that Wisconsin families depend upon daily.

"The Governor's plan may be removed but this new plan is in some ways much worse," says Kit Kerschensteiner, Disability Rights Wisconsin Managing Attorney. "The budget motion creates a new entity that no one has ever heard of - an Integrated Health Agency - and eliminates the IRIS program. The future for Family Care is very unstable."

"Families, individuals, small business providers and advocates clearly asked to be at the table at the from start to finish to develop a plan. This request was not respected," says Lisa Pugh, Public Policy Director.

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