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Amendments to Wisconsin's Home and Community Based
Services Waiver 0275.90

Dear Mr. Kummer:

Wisconsin is requesting an amendment to its Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver 0275.90. These amendments are the same as the amendments for Wisconsin's Home and Community Based Services Waiver 0229.90.03 submitted to HCEA on April 3, 1998. The purpose of this request is to:

- Add consumer-direct supports as a covered service.
- Add consumer training and education as a covered service.
- Add housing counseling as a covered service.
- Provide for reimbursement for rent and food costs for live-in caregivers under Supportive Home Care Services (B-1d).

The waiver application replacement pages (23b and 23b1), the new pages (23o, 23p, and 23q) and the appendix are attached. Appendix G on Financial Documentation, has been amended and documentation submitted for Factors C and D.

The requested effective date for these amendments is July 1, 1998.

Addition of Consumer-Directed Supports as a Covered Service

Wisconsin is proposing to add consumer-directed supports as a covered service. These services are distinguished by the establishment of mechanisms for planning and ongoing support designed to ensure consumer control over choice of service goals, forms and providers, and to promote strong community connections. Community-directed supports would be available only in areas where local agencies have demonstrated commitment to consumer-direction and establishment of

mechanisms to ensure that supports are in place to provide consumers, guardians and natural supports with needed assistance in planning and implementation of services. It is anticipated that consumer-directed supports will be substituted for services that would otherwise have been provided under existing service definitions.

Addition of Consumer Training and Education as a Covered Service

Wisconsin is proposing to add consumer training and education as a covered service. Reimbursement would be limited to participation in training and education identified in the individual plan as contributing to individual goals related to self-advocacy and personal responsibility and control.

Addition of Housing Counseling as a Covered Service

Wisconsin is proposing to add housing counseling as a covered service. The purpose is to allow for greater use of specialized and generic sources of housing counseling separate from residential support services.

Provide for Reimbursement for Rent and Food Costs for Live-in Caregivers

Wisconsin is proposing to reimburse for the additional costs of rent and food reasonably attributable to an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who lives in the home of an individual receiving services under the waiver. Reimbursement is not available if the recipient lives in the caregiver's home, or in a residence that is owned or leased by a provider of Medical Assistance services.

Questions about these amendments or requests for additional information should be addressed to Sonja Stoffels (608) 267-9840. Thank you for your consideration of this amendment request.

Sincerely,

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