

Overview of Long-Term Care Forums

Milwaukee County held four Long-Term Care Reform Information Forums for residents with disabilities between the ages of 18-59, their families and guardians.

Forums were held:

- Wednesday, September 26th at Wilson Park Senior Center (2601 West Howard Avenue)
- Tuesday, October 2nd at Goodwill Industries (6055 North 91st Street)
- Monday, October 22nd at Milwaukee Center for Independence (2020 West Wells Street)
- Tuesday, October 30th at Washington Park Senior Center (4420 West Vliet Street)

These Forums provided an opportunity for people to hear about proposed changes in the long-term care service system for persons with disabilities between the ages of 18-59 and to ask questions about these changes.

There were about 55 people at the first Forum at Wilson Park, 75 people at Goodwill, 110 at MCFI and 105 people at Washington Park. In total, approximately 350 people attended the Forums. Consumers, both developmentally and physically disabled persons, made up a large proportion of participants at all four of the Forums.

The following are some of the more frequently asked questions that were raised at the Forums.

WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE?

- What is actually going to change for persons with disabilities between the ages of 18-59, if Family Care is expanded?

FAMILY CARE SERVICES AND STRUCTURE

- I am very satisfied with my current services. Will I be able to keep these services under Family Care?
- What services can be provided under Family Care?
- Is self-directed care an option under Family Care?

FAMILY CARE FUNDING

- Where will the dollars come from to support the 2,500 people on the wait list? Will funding increase? If not, will quality decrease?
- What will happen if the State of Wisconsin does not approve additional funding for Family Care expansion?

SERVICE PROVIDERS

- If I choose to enroll in Family Care, will I be able to keep my same providers?
- What if my current provider does not contract with Family Care? Does Family Care pay providers that are outside of the established provider network?
- Will providers have the capacity to handle all the new clients? Will new providers be needed?

ELIGIBILITY/ENROLLMENT

- Do I need to be eligible for Title 19 / Medicaid to qualify for the Family Care benefit?
- What if I am already on a Waiver program? Will I have to re-apply and be re-evaluated for Family Care?
- Can I still receive my Medicaid Waiver services until I turn age 60 or until Family Care is available?
- Do I have a choice not to join Family Care?

START DATE

- When will Family Care become operational for adults between the ages of 18 to 59 in Milwaukee County?