

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 13 (2011/12)

Re: **Authorizing Participation in Income Maintenance Administration Consortium**

WHEREAS, under current law, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 49.78, the State Department of Health Services (“DHS”) has delegated certain duties and responsibilities related to the administration of the Income Maintenance program to counties, including the requirement to enter into a contract with DHS for the provision of Income Maintenance program administration services, and

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, the Biennial Budget Bill, modifies current law by requiring the formation of county-based regional consortia rather than individual counties to enter into contracts with DHS related to the provision of the Income Maintenance services, and

WHEREAS, Act 32 specifically provides that “each county with a population of less than 750,000 shall participate in a multicounty consortium that is approved by the department” and further that “[b]y October 31, 2011, the department shall approve multicounty consortia,” and

WHEREAS, Act 32 further provides that “[i]f a county with a population of less than 750,000 does not participate in a multicounty consortium or [DHS] determines that a multicounty consortium does not satisfy [DHS's] performance requirements, [DHS] shall assume responsibility for administering income maintenance programs in that county or in the geographical area of the multicounty consortium,” and

WHEREAS, Act 32 further provides that, regardless of whether a county chooses to allow DHS to take over Income Maintenance program administration services or chooses to join a consortium that will provide the services, Sheboygan County is required to maintain a tax levy contribution to the system at an amount not less than the amount contributed in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens, and Income Maintenance service recipients of Sheboygan County to join a multi-county consortium related to the provision of Income Maintenance program administration services consistent with the requirements established in Act 32, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors, that:

1. Sheboygan County does declare its intent to join a multi-county consortium consistent with the requirements set forth in 2011 Act 32.
2. Sheboygan County hereby authorizes the Director of the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department to enter into any and all contracts or other documents necessary to create, form, authorize, participate in, and/or operate the multi-county consortium of which Sheboygan County will be a member, provided the terms and provisions of such consortium participation are approved by the Health and Human Services Committee of the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors.
3. Sheboygan County hereby authorizes its Health and Human Services Director to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution is to be interpreted liberally in favor of authorizing the Health and Human Services Director to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of September, 2011.

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