



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **SIGNS THAT LEGISLATURE PLANS TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN FAMILY CARE OVERSIGHT**

Last month, an issue of the Tuesday Morning Memo included links to coverage of a public hearing held by the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. At that hearing, committee members gave a strong indication that the Legislature would likely pay closer attention to Family Care expansion. Last week, Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Powers Lake), requested a legislative audit of Family Care. For a report about her request, go to:

<http://www.westofthei.com/2009/12/24/rep-kerkman-calls-for-audit-of-family-care/6999>

The Arc-Wisconsin has been in contact with several legislators that have suggested that there may very well be additional requests for a legislative audit of the Family Care program. We will keep you posted.

- **WISCONSIN MEDICAID PROGRAM FACES HUGE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES**

In recent weeks, there has been extensive media coverage of the perilous financial position of Wisconsin's Medicaid program. Several articles have been posted on The Arc-Wisconsin website. To see the related articles, please go to:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/79687472.html>

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/79560917.html>

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt_and_politics/article_0419a402-eb6b-11de-afac-001cc4c002e0.html

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt_and_politics/article_8bc15106-e9eb-11de-8af0-001cc4c002e0.html

- **PILOT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN**

The Leadership in Innovative Flexible Transportation (LIFT) program is a pilot program that is available to residents in 8 counties in southwestern Wisconsin. The goal of LIFT is to develop better coordination of existing transportation services so that the transportation needs of more people can be addressed. For more information on the program, go to:

<http://www.swt-lift.org/>

If you live in one of the 8 counties, you may want to contact the LIFT office. Even if you do not live or work in one of the 8 counties currently served by LIFT, developing a similar program might be an idea worthy of consideration in your county.

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