



# Tuesday Morning Memo

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## No Need To Wait Until Tax Day To Think About Audits

As reported in the last Tuesday Morning Memo, there is an increasing interest among some legislators in the financial condition of Family Care. That interest has now broadened to the financial condition of Wisconsin's entire Medicaid program. During the past week, The Arc-Wisconsin came across a couple of interesting documents related to this increased legislative interest in the financial condition and operations of Family Care and other Medicaid program.

To see a news article and press release related to Sen. Rob Cowles' request for a comprehensive audit of Wisconsin's Medicaid program, go to:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt\\_and\\_politics/article\\_71549618-fb3c-11de-973c-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt_and_politics/article_71549618-fb3c-11de-973c-001cc4c03286.html)

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/sen1.pdf>

Also, The Arc-Wisconsin recently came across a letter from Rep. Kitty Rhoades, a past recipient of The Arc-Wisconsin's Elected Official of the Year Award, to WI Dept. of Health Services Secretary Karen Timberlake. Rep. Rhoades' letter raises several concerns and questions related to Family Care. To see a copy of the letter, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/familycarelettertosectimberlake121509.pdf>

As always, The Arc-Wisconsin will provide regular updates on the status of any audits.

## The New Year Marks The Ramping Up Of Gubernatorial Campaigns

While many of us were watching the ball fall in Times Square (in person, on television or in our dreams), gubernatorial campaign treasurers were frantically preparing reports to submit to the State Board of Accountability. Tom Barrett's campaign wins the prize for generating the first coverage of their finance reports. Please note that we will include media coverage reports on the financial status of ALL major gubernatorial campaigns on The Arc-Wisconsin website ([www.arc-wisconsin.org](http://www.arc-wisconsin.org)) and in these Tuesday Morning Memos.

## The Federal Campaign Environment Is Also Pretty Interesting

A couple of surprise retirement announcements from leading Democrats in Congress has generated a significant amount of political "buzz". Are these announcements the beginning of a trend? How will the Democrats and the Republicans react and plan? This year's election at all levels should be pretty wild. To see a news article related to the recent retirement announcements, go to:

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_DEMOCRATS\\_2010?SITE=WIMIL&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_DEMOCRATS_2010?SITE=WIMIL&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)