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**TO:** County Aging Unit Directors  
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**FROM:** Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources

**RE:** Policy change regarding eligibility for the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) and National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP)

As of February 1, 2019, family caregivers of Medicaid-eligible older adults and individuals diagnosed with dementia are no longer required to enroll in a Medicaid long-term care program in order to receive caregiver support services. This policy change increases options available to ADRC and aging unit customers while lowering costs for low-income families that only want or need a limited amount of in-home respite and caregiver support.

Restrictions on funding during Family Care development and expansion required Medicaid-eligible individuals to enroll in Family Care or another Medicaid long-term care program to receive family caregiver supports. Now that Family Care is available statewide, Medicaid-eligible individuals may choose to enroll in AFCSP and NFCSP instead.

Individuals enrolled at the non-nursing home level of Family Care, which does not provide caregiver support services, are also eligible to enroll in the AFCSP and NFCSP.