



NEXT-OF-KIN LEGISLATION

Wisconsin hospitals and health systems work to ensure patients receive the...

Right
Care



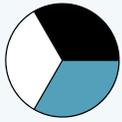
Right
Place



Right
Time



Current Wisconsin law limits the ability of family members to help their incapacitated loved ones access care in a nursing home or community-based residential facility (CBRF) if they do not have a signed power-of-attorney for health care that expressly grants them this authority.
And unfortunately...



Less than 1/3

of adults over 65 have a power of attorney form, some studies suggest.

A patient who no longer needs hospital care may



Wait 2-3 months in a hospital bed!

For the courts-to appoint a guardian that can sign off on this type of care.

In nearly 9 of 10 guardianship cases, the court appoints a family member or loved one as the guardian.



That's

60-90 days

Not only does the patient wait - but so do others who are waiting for a hospital bed to open up.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Most of Wisconsin's surrounding states - and in the rest of the country - do not restrict care in this way!

Let's Fix This! Please Support Passing Next-of-Kin Legislation

Please support
AB 598/ SB 578

Wisconsin Next-of-Kin
Legislation

Remove
current statutory
barriers to
appropriate long-
term care

Expand
important
patient
safeguards

Help
Free up access to
care & reduce
unnecessary
costs and delays
for families

Help make sure Wisconsin patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.