

Highlights From
***“Current Practice:
Use of Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCAC)
by the Medicaid Waiver Programs”***

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1. The number of Waiver and Family Care participants living in RCAC assisted living is small:
 - 2.6% of Waiver participants over age 65 in 2001
 - 1.5% of Family Care participants over age 65 in 2001
2. 23 counties (32%) had long term care clients in RCACs in 2001.
3. Only a small number of counties make significant use of RCACs. Counties with the greatest number of long term care participants in RCAC are:

Waukesha County	97 Waiver participants in RCACs
Milwaukee CMO	66 Family Care participants in RCACs
La Crosse CMO	41 Family Care participants in RCACs
Waushara, Buffalo, Fond du Lac, Walworth	10-15 Waiver participants each in RCACs
4. 12 counties did not use the certified RCACs located in their county during 2001.
5. 43 facilities or 35% of Wisconsin’s RCACs had one or more public pay residents in 2001.
6. Waiver participants make up 20% or more of the resident population in 1/3 of the RCACs serving public pay clients and are a significant share of the market for some facilities.
 - 6 facilities have 35% or more Waiver residents
 - 8 facilities have 20-34% Waiver residents
 - 13 facilities have 10-19% Waiver residents
7. The average Waiver payment to RCACs was \$50.26/day (\$1,529/month) in 2001
 - More than the \$40.78/day (\$1,240/month) counties had to spend
 - Less than the \$68.58 per day (\$2,085/month) maximum allowed by statute
8. The average daily MA card cost per participant living in an RCAC was \$410.22 per month. Most of this (\$309/month) was for drugs.
9. 8% of Waiver participants in RCACs used the MA card to pay for personal care services in 2001 at an average monthly cost of \$367/month.
10. There is considerable variation between costs identified in the county contracts, the participants’ Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) and the amounts billed to the MA Waivers.