

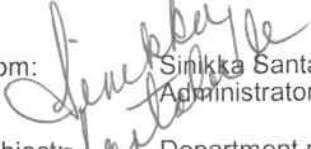
STATE OF WISCONSIN
 Department of Health and Family Services
 Division of Disability and Elder Services


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From:  Sinikka Santala
 Administrator

Subject:  Department proposed reorganization announcement

We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that the Department of Health and Family Services has submitted a reorganization proposal to the Department of Administration for its approval. We are restructuring to better align ourselves with our mission to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

The proposal includes dividing the current Division of Disability and Elder Services into two separate Divisions, while making the Office of Quality Assurance its own Division. Disability and Elder Services will become: the (1) Division of Long Term Care, and (2) Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Sinikka Santala will serve as the Administrator for the Division of Long Term Care and joining her Division will be the Nursing Home Services Section, which provides nursing home policy, reimbursement and auditing services. John Easterday will be the Interim Administrator for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Office of Quality Assurance will become its own Division due to the size and breadth of responsibilities. Otis Woods will remain as a classified, civil service Administrator for this Division.

Please note that all of your contacts for all of these program areas will remain the same. We simply wanted to inform you that this proposal has been submitted and we continue to working with you in the future.

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