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**From:** Janet Zander <janet.zander@gwaar.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** 'Badgeraginglist'  
**Subject:** ACTION ALERT: Senators Pushing to Repeal the ACA Before Sept. 30th  
**Importance:** High

With less than two weeks to go before the expiration of the budget reconciliation rules which allow the Senate to pass a bill repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA or ObamaCare) with only 51 votes instead of 60 (meaning no minority party votes are needed to pass the bill) **several U.S. Senators, including Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), introduced another plan last week to repeal and replace the ACA.**

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson (GCHJ) plan (also referred to as the Graham-Cassidy bill), like other previously rejected plans introduced by the House and Senate, would have negative consequences for the health and well-being of older adults, people with disabilities of all ages, and their families. **The proposal replaces ACA tax subsidies and Medicaid expansion with block grants to states (scheduled to be eliminated in 2026) and places a per capita cap on the traditional Medicaid program (which funds Wisconsin's Family Care, IRIS, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare programs among others). The Graham-Cassidy proposal would:**

- **repeal the ACA's individual and employer mandates,**
- **significantly reduce Medicaid funding over the next 10 years,**
- **allow states to waive many of the ACA's consumer protections and allow insurers to charge sick or older patients higher premiums, and**
- **give states the option to let insurers exclude coverage of certain health care services (such as certain prescription drugs, preventive services, and mental health services).**

Federal Medicaid fund cuts put older adults and people with disabilities who rely on Medicaid to remain living in their homes and communities at risk of losing coverage as states are forced to scale back services, create waiting lists, reduce payments to providers, or make changes to program eligibility.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is expected to release a preliminary analysis of the bill early next week – see **[The Hill: CBO aims to release limited analysis of ObamaCare repeal bill next week.](#)**

**With pressure increasing to pass the Graham-Cassidy bill before September 30<sup>th</sup> and reports that 48 or 49 Republican Senators are believed to currently support the plan, aging and disability advocates are urging people to call their U.S. Senators now!**

**Take Action:**

**Contact Senator Ron Johnson (202) 224-5323 and Senator Tammy Baldwin (202) 224-5653** and let them know how Medicaid changes in the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill would impact you, your family, and/or older adults and people with disabilities in your community. Encourage them to work in a bipartisan manner to improve the health and well-being of all citizens and to ensure that older adults have affordable access to the health care and coverage they need now and in years to come!

For more information see the [Justice in Aging's statement on Graham-Cassidy Proposal.](#)

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*Let your passion be the reason for your existence  
and your successes the product of your persistence.*

1. Do you participate in the Home Delivered Meals Program or eat at a Senior Dining Site in Green Lake County? Yes 15 NO           

2. If you answered yes, which of the following items would you be interesting in seeing added to the Green Lake County Nutrition Program:

- 7 more fruits and vegetables included in the meals  
4 Themed meals for example Polish, Mexican, Chinese etc.  
1 Evening meals  
1 Other – Alcohol – meals on Thursdays

3. What are the 3 most important issues facing older adults today?

Cost of healthcare/insurance – 30; Finances – 20; Physical health – 20; Falling – 14; Isolation – 13; Transportation – 10; Memory loss – 9; Food costs – 6; Mobility – 6; In home providers – 6; Companionship – Affordable housing – 5; Feeling safe at home – 4; Not enough activities – 3; Cost of a Nursing Home – 3; Scams – 2; Being able to stay at home – 2; Hearing loss – 2; Depression – 1; Sleeping – 1; Dental care – 1; Loss of eyesight – 1; Taxes – 1.

4. What would you like your ADRC/Aging Department to do to promote healthy aging in our communities?

Healthy eating programs – 5; Exercise programs – 3; In-services relating to healthy aging – 2; Dance lessons/classes – 2; Socials/Parties – 2; More activities – 2; Rides if needed – 1; Homecare – 1; Friendly visits – 2; Blood pressure clinics – 1; Tai Chi – 1; Yoga – 1; Adopt a grandparent – 1; Newspaper articles/outreach – 2; Home Therapy – 1.

5. Are there services or events you have seen or heard of in other communities that you think would be helpful to seniors in our community?

More activities more often – 7; Taxies – 5; Buses – 4; Senior Center Bus – 2; Monthly blood pressure checks at meal sites – 2; Adult Day Care – 2; Holiday trips/ get together – 2; Educational opportunities – 1; Fitness Programs – 1; Wellness center – 1; Support Groups for chronic conditions – 2; Computer lessons – 1.

6. As a caregiver for a spouse, family member, friend or neighbor, what resources do you think are most important for the aging unit to provide?

Friendly visits – 7; Transportation – 7; Adult Day Care – 3; Respite – 3; Social activities/opportunities – 3; Counseling – 2; Visiting RN – 1; Adopt a grandparent at a Nursing Home – 1; Meals on Wheels – 1; Companionship – 4; Support Groups/drop in sites – 3; Information on available services/assistance – 5; Training – 1.

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Thursday, September 21, 2017

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I am writing this letter to commend all of you on the wonderful job you all did on the Senior Picnic. We have heard from several participants and community members who have shared with us what a positive experience this was for them. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all you do for the citizens of Green Lake County!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harley Reabe".

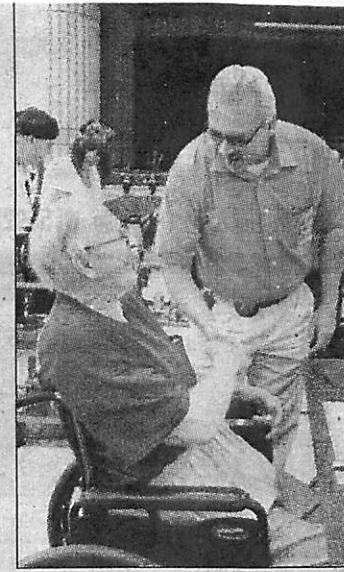
Harley Reabe  
Green Lake County Board Chair

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Jason Jerome  
Director of Health & Human Services

# GLC Senior Picnic keeps the fun rolling for 2017

Green Lake County rolled out the welcome mat for seniors and their caregivers at the 2017 annual Senior Picnic. The popular August 11 event saw more than 190 seniors heading to the St. John Catholic School gymnasium for an afternoon of socializing, enjoying a picnic lunch catered by Crossroads Market, and live music. A large assortment of door prizes, provided by area businesses, were given out at the picnic. And the event's popular Bingo games brought the opportunity for more winnings, such as gift baskets, gift cards, and cash prizes.



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**ABOVE LEFT: IT'S A FULL HOUSE** at the 2017 Green Lake County Senior Picnic, with over 190 people attending the annual event, held at the St. John Catholic School gymnasium. **ABOVE RIGHT: SHERIFF MARK PODOLL** is kept busy at the Senior Picnic, serving meals and getting a little face time with county residents like Eldon Radtke, Green Lake.



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**THERE ARE ALL KINDS** of seniors eager to get in on the bag toss games at the Green Lake County Senior Picnic.



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**THE ROLLICKING POLKA MUSIC** gets people out of their chairs and dancing.



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**AHOY THERE, MATEYS!** The County's Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator, a festively-dressed Kathy Mulhern, takes a moment from pirate duties to smile for the camera.

Dear Kathy

Congratulations to you & all the staff that  
organized & prepared for this year's Senior Picnic -  
I just thought this picture was so damn cute

You deserved an extra copy.

Best to you all  
Joan

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**JOAN BALLWEG**

WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 41<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



AGING REPORT - 2017

9/21/17

Mealsites - Berlin Senior Center, Dartford Bay Apartments, Grand River Apartments																			
HOMEBOUND									CONGREGATE										
Berlin			Green Lake/Prince.			Markesan			Berlin			GL/Princeton			Markesan			MEAL PROGRAM	
HDM #	DONATION		HDM #	DONATION		HDM #	DONATION	HDM TOTAL	HDM TOTAL	CONG	DONATION	CONG	DONATION	CONG	DONATION	CG TOTAL	CG TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	AMOUNT			AMOUNT			AMOUNT	MEALS	DONATION	# SERVED	AMOUNT	# SERVED	AMOUNT	# SERVED	AMOUNT	MEALS	DONATION	MEALS	DONATION
January	514	\$3,066.50	544	\$2,805.32		243	\$1,371.00	1,301	\$7,242.82	281	\$982.00	108	\$240.00	110	\$144.00	499	\$1,366.00	1,800.00	\$8,608.82
February	512	\$794.00	504	\$836.00		226	\$778.00	1,242	\$2,408.00	355	\$1,267.05	126	\$92.00	104	\$300.00	585	\$1,659.05	1,827.00	\$4,067.05
March	647	\$2,461.00	541	\$2,693.75		242	\$1,822.50	1,430	\$6,977.25	384	\$1,319.00	145	\$340.00	130	\$255.00	659	\$1,914.00	2,089.00	\$8,891.25
April	519	\$2,206.00	491	\$2,132.50		238	\$640.00	1,248	\$4,978.50	260	\$1,032.95	122	\$321.00	100	\$473.00	482	\$1,826.95	1,730.00	\$6,805.45
May	590	\$3,197.75	523	\$2,866.75		256	\$1,153.25	1,369	\$7,217.75	300	\$1,085.00	134	\$284.00	119	\$130.06	553	\$1,499.06	1,922.00	\$8,716.81
June	523	\$1,972.75	476	\$2,316.00		229	\$1,561.00	1,228	\$5,849.75	346	\$1,252.00	109	\$500.00	101	\$475.00	556	\$2,227.00	1,784.00	\$8,076.75
July	466	\$3,689.05	431	\$2,793.51		225	\$918.00	1,122	\$7,400.56	282	\$1,059.00	105	\$346.00	78	\$823.31	465	\$2,228.31	1,587.00	\$9,628.87
August	439	\$1,620.88	492	\$2,003.24		293	\$1,164.00	1,224	\$4,788.12	315	\$1,081.00	128	\$200.00	75	\$80.00	518	\$1,361.00	1,742.00	\$6,149.12
September	0																		
October	0																		
November	0																		
December	0																		
<b>TOTALS</b>	4210	\$19,007.93	4002	\$18,447.07		1952	\$9,407.75	10164	\$46,862.75	2523	\$9,078.00	977	\$2,323.00	817	\$2,680.37	4317	\$14,081.37	14,481.00	\$60,944.12

