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LeadingAge Wisconsin Comments on Assisted Living Coalition’s National Recognition

LeadingAge Wisconsin joins the Department of Health Services in celebrating the national attention being given to the Wisconsin Coalition for Collaborative Excellence in Assisted Living (WCCEAL). The Pioneer Institute’s [Better Government Competition](#) has awarded national recognition to Wisconsin’s WCCEAL, one of only nine proposals of the nearly 100 entries to receive recognition in the competition.

WCCEAL is a results-based, public-private effort to improve the outcomes of individuals living in Wisconsin assisted living communities. The LeadingAge Wisconsin assisted living quality improvement program, now called Echelon, was the first program approved by WCCEAL.

“LeadingAge Wisconsin is proud to be included in the leadership group that helped create and advance WCCEAL to the level it has reached today,” said John Sauer, the Association’s President/CEO. “Our member organizations have contributed mightily to making WCCEAL the program it is and, as a result, the quality of services for individuals receiving assisted living services has been greatly enhanced.”

Individuals residing in or considering assisted living options are encouraged to ask facilities if they are participating in a WCCEAL-approved quality improvement program. Doing so is a demonstrable commitment to quality.

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LeadingAge Wisconsin is a statewide membership organization of not-for-profit organizations principally serving older adults and persons with a disability. In addition, several for-profit organizations subscribe to the services the association provides. The State’s largest full continuum association, LeadingAge Wisconsin serves 562 long-term care, assisted living and senior housing facilities and over 300 other community-based providers that provide programs such as Alzheimer’s support, adult day care, home health, hospice, home care, and meals on wheels. LeadingAge Wisconsin members employ over 38,000 people who provide compassionate care and service to over 48,000 individuals each day.