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DHS withdraw it's FamilyCare 2.0 proposal, which would have made a number of changes to the Family Care and IRIS Programs, from the Joint Committee on Finance this morning. Action may mark end to the controversial Walker Administration proposal.

MADISON - This morning, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) withdraw it's FamilyCare 2.0 Concept Paper from the Joint Committee on Finance. The 2015-2017 State Budget, Act 55 , directs the DHS to make a number of changes to the Family Care and IRIS Programs and would let private insurance companies run the programs for the elderly and the disabled in Wisconsin..

This action may mark an end to the controversial Walker Administration proposal.

This has been a yearlong battle for the nearly 60,000 people in this state who participate in Family Care and IRIS and the people who love them. They have organized, battled, advocated, and stressed.

"I wish I could say it is a victory for them but it just feels like Governor Walker and the Department ran them through the ringer unnecessarily," said Senator **Jon Erpenbach**, a member of the committee. "There are some things in government that do not deserve to be measured with private company profit margin; care for the elderly and disabled is one of them."