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## Survival Coalition Statement on Appointment of Andrea Palm to Department of Health Services Secretary

The Survival Coalition of more than 30 disability organizations looks forward to working with Governor-Elect Tony Evers' proposed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary Andrea Palm to continue to improve important Medicaid programs that people with disabilities across the lifespan depend on throughout Wisconsin. Nearly 20 Medicaid programs in Wisconsin provide a variety of supports to people with disabilities so that they can live, work, and contribute in their communities. DHS leadership will be important in the months to come in facing critical issues, including a serious direct care worker shortage.