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## Quarterly Newsletter March 2025

### A note from Senior Operations Manager, Jonathan Clafin:

I'm excited to share our latest newsletter, filled with self-direction news and updates from PremierFMS.

As we approach spring, PremierFMS remains dedicated to providing exceptional financial management services to participants and Participant-Hired Workers. We value our partnerships and appreciate your continued trust towards simplifying your self-direction journey.

PremierFMS understands your concerns about the current state of affairs in Washington. With concern to Medicaid funding access and what it means for your supports and services. This newsletter will help point you to information and resources that can answer your questions.

We look forward to sharing the most up-to-date news that matters to you. All the best and thank you for choosing PremierFMS.

### In today's email:

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Share Your  
Story to Protect  
Medicaid  
Funding Access



The House Budget Committee passed a budget resolution that could slash Medicaid funding over the next ten years if reconciled in Congress. Spending cuts proposed by Congress aim to fund other initiatives, such as tax reductions. However, they could limit access to essential healthcare services for many Americans. This includes people with disabilities.

[Click to Support Medicaid in Wisconsin](#)



PremierFMS is on social media!  
Click to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn and stay up to date with all things PremierFMS.



PremierFMS Celebrates World Autism Acceptance Month in April

April is World Autism Acceptance Month (WAAM). In April and all months, PremierFMS strives to promote understanding, inclusion, and support for people with autism. We also encourage acceptance of different abilities and perspectives.

[World Autism Acceptance Month Events and Resources](#)

## Share Your Story

Do you want to share your Self-Direction journey or have a PremierFMS story to share? We are always looking to hear of stories from Self-Advocates and Participant-Hired Workers. We would love to hear from you. Click below to learn more.



[Share Your PremierFMS Story](#)

**Independent Living Centers and Their Role in Self-Direction**



Independent Living Centers are community-based organizations run by and for people with disabilities. ILCs support independent living in and around one's community. According to the Administration for Community Living (ACL), there are over 400 ILCs in the country.

[Learn More About Independent Living Centers](#)



## Did You Know?

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities has free resources and toolkits for you to download.

[Celebrate DDAM](#)

## Quarterly Reader Poll

Would you like to see more video training content from PremierFMS?

Yes

No

## Upcoming Events & Conferences

What	When	More Information
Applied Self-Direction Virtual Conference	Wednesdays throughout March and April	<a href="#">View Conference Schedule</a>
Autism Acceptance Day	April 2 at the Wisconsin State Capitol	<a href="#">Register and Event Details</a>
Alzheimer's Conference	May 5-6 at the Kalahari Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI	<a href="#">Register</a>
Circles of Life Conference	May 8-9 at the Wilderness Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI	<a href="#">Register</a>
Employment First Conference	May 19-20 at the Kalahari Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI	<a href="#">Register</a>



Participant Spotlight - Meet Ryan Klotz



## Get to Know Ryan

Ryan Klotz is an enrolled participant with PremierFMS' sister company, Personal Accounting Services (PAS), out of Taylor, Michigan. PAS and PremierFMS operate under the AssuranceSD family of companies.

Ryan Klotz is a self-advocate for Individuals with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (I/DD) in Wayne County. Ryan is very active in his communities. He serves as a Community Transitions Trainer for the Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University.

He advocates frequently for I/DD in Lansing with state legislators. He has been enrolled in self-direction services with PAS for over 20 years and sat down with PAS to share his journey in self-direction. Ryan shares how self-direction opened him up to new experiences and responsibilities as an adult. Click the button below to read Ryan's full story.

[Ryan's Self-Direction Journey](#)



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