

Purple is our PASSION!

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month! Because it can happen in any family and because it is worth discussing the challenges of living with and caring for an individual with the disease, we want you to know that you are not alone!

The Jefferson County Dementia Friendly Community Network along with the ADRC of Jefferson County and Tomorrow's Hope wanted to shine light on this disease by lighting up the Jefferson Pedestrian Bridge at Rotary Park with purple lights for the month of November! The lights will begin at dusk each evening and will turn off at 11 p.m. There will be a gathering and small dedication on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Rotary Park on the bridge in Jefferson to bring families together that are currently or have been affected by dementia. We invite everyone to come together and tie ribbons to the trees in the park to represent loved ones with dementia and to enjoy the beautiful lights.

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All are welcome to attend our meetings. We meet virtually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Caregivers and those living with dementia may gain insight and support from others that share their struggles or from a valuable community resource.

Call the ADRC of Jefferson County at **(920) 675-4035** for more information on this event and to become part of the community group.

## Purple Tube Project

The Dementia Friendly Community Network (DFCN) of Jefferson County along with the ADRC of Jefferson County and Tomorrow's Hope is partnering up with local law enforcement and first responders to ensure safety of individuals with dementia in Jefferson County by starting the Purple Tube Project. The kick-off for this project is on Sunday, December 3 from 1-4 p.m. at Fairview Sports Bar & Grill in Jefferson.

The goal of the project is to assist families and first responders by providing information which may be helpful in the event of a medical or behavioral emergency. Our desire is for those impacted by dementia to be able to stabilize at home whenever possible. When this is not possible, we want to make sure first responders and family members have needed information available quickly. This project is a collaboration between law enforcement, fire departments, EMS and our county wide Dementia Friendly Community Network as well as the ADRC of Jefferson County and Tomorrow's Hope Dementia Program.

What can the Purple Tube Project do for families? It assists families living with dementia by developing a crisis/safety plan. There is no cost to the caregiver or family members. The project will provide piece of mind, knowing all critical information is updated and easily accessed. Additionally, the project provides ways to best interact with persons with dementia for everyone involved during a stressful time.

The Purple Tube is placed in the home, providing easy and quick access to specific information about the individual living with dementia on how to best care for their needs in the event of an emergency. This information can then easily be shared with others who may be trying to help in an emergency, giving you and your family additional support.

The kick-off event at Fairview Sports Bar & Grill will have Purple Tubes on display. The forms will be available that families can take home to complete or make an appointment with a DFCN team member to help them complete. Once the forms are complete, they will be registered as having a purple tube at which time will be provided. If they choose to take the paperwork home to complete, they will then be asked to return the registration form by mail, dropping it off at the ADRC or the Dwight Foster Library in Fort Atkinson. We would also be available to pick up the information. The DFCN encourages anyone that is a caregiver for an individual living with dementia and community members to join us that afternoon to support this project!

Purple tube may include: a safety plan for medical or behavioral emergencies for those with dementia; brief medical history; medication list; emergency and non-emergency contacts; release of information so content can be shared with first responders, emergency rooms, and crisis personnel; updated photos; a copy of health care Power of Attorney and release of information.

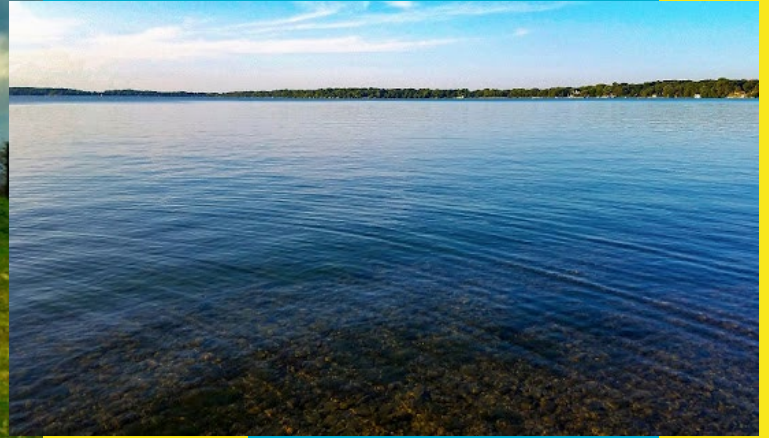
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The event will be held at Fairview Sports Bar & Grill from 1:00-4:00 on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tony Roker, Elvis Tribute Artist will be performing from 1:30-3:30. More details to come!

If you would like to sponsor this event, we have two tiers available (Purple - \$250 and White - \$100). Please call Tonya at the ADRC to learn more.

Because it can happen in any family and because it is worth discussing the challenges of living with and caring for an individual with the disease, we encourage all of Jefferson County residents to join us for this event!

**November 2023**



# Jefferson County Human Services

**Innovative Solutions to Wisconsin's Mental Health Crisis**

# Jefferson County Crisis and Law Enforcement Co-Response

A model for crisis response pairing mh professionals with LE

This collaborative crisis response model works to improve the experiences and outcomes

- crisis de-escalation
- diversion from the criminal justice system
- connection to behavioral health services

Crisis prevention



# Jefferson County Crisis and Law Enforcement Co-Response

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## Emergency mental health intake professional joins Watertown Police Department

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# Crisis and Law Enforcement Co-Response

Watertown Police Department (1st/2nd shift)

Fort Atkinson Police Department (2nd, 3rd)

Jefferson Police Department (2nd shift)

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department (2nd)

Lake Mills Police Department (2nd/3rd shift)



# New in 2023/24 Enhanced Reimbursement

- Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), DHS is expanding coverage for crisis intervention services.
- Up to three providers can bill Medicaid.
  - One behavioral health professional required
    - One additional Medicaid provider
  - One person must be face to face with consumer





# Impact on Coding and Billing

- 2022 Billing Rules
  - S9485 - Per Diem; used for Billing Lueder House
  - S9484 - Crisis staff time. Billed according to time increments and staff modifier.
  
- 2023 Billing Rules
  - Allowed to use 2022 rules in January and February
  - S9845 - no change
  - S9484 - no longer used
  - H0030 - Crisis Line Services
  - H2011 - Crisis Response Services
  - T1016 - Crisis Linkage and Follow-Up (includes creating a Crisis Plan)

# Impact on Coding and Billing

- **H0030 - Crisis calls**
  - Only allowed to bill for one call per day
  - Payment is based on staff degree but amount of time is not considered
  - Possible that multiple staff work on call
  - Financial impact undetermined
  - Has two components
    - Telephonic Triage - NOT BILLABLE - time to determine the need for in-person intervention, which can include a preliminary assessment
    - Telephonic Response - BILLABLE - initial triage indicates further evaluation and/or crisis response is needed and necessary by a qualified mental health professional

# Impact on Coding and Billing

- H2011 (Crisis Response) and T1016 (L&F)
  - Billing is based on staff time and modifier
  - No longer roll up same staff degree services; each one separate with an additional modifier code
  - Can bill for multiple units per day (15 minute increments)
  - Need to provide location code on billing - pick the most appropriate code.
  - At least one staff must be in-person

# Impact on Coding and Billing

## Enhanced FMPA in 2024

- Counties have to opt-in
- Must have teaming available 24/7
- Must be provided by at least two MA providers
  - One is BH professional
  - All trained in trauma-informed care
  - Included on our crisis roster
  - PD would not count
  - Emergency room and nursing home is ineligible for enhanced payment
- Appx. 10 counties have opted in. JCHS is still TBD.
- Can provide individual service without co-responding teaming and would be paid at non-enhanced rate

# Impact on Coding and Billing

Where are we at? Need programming update!

- Billed January and February for 2023
- All new codes for rest of 2023
- Program to determine the highest modifier for the H0030 code if multiple services on the same day
- Need to identify “most appropriate” location code for all services
- Add a modifier for the H2011 and T1016 codes to avoid duplicates for multiple staff providers
- Finish note monitoring
- Crisis Line call form (H0030) has been added to the system.
- Changes to the assessment/response/crisis plan/L&F forms have been completed so that users pick the correct code and have to indicate how the service was performed (e.g. phone, in person, video/audio)

