Across Wisconsin family caregivers assist their parents, spouses and other loved ones so they can live at home—where they want to be—and out of costly, taxpayer-funded nursing homes. These family caregivers help with bathing, dressing, transportation and much more. Many also pay for expensive care to help their loved ones. AARP recently surveyed Wisconsin registered voters age 40-plus about caring for their families and the cost of being a caregiver. Here’s what we learned:

The Wisconsin Credit for Caring Act would provide a tax credit for family caregivers. The vast majority of Wisconsin voters age 40+ support this type of proposal. This support is strong across party lines.

The majority of Wisconsin family caregivers pay for expenses out of their own pocket to care for a loved one.

They use their money to help with:

- **Transportation**: 77%
- **Assistive Technology**: 38%
- **Home Modifications**: 39%
- **Home health aide**: 15%
- **Respite Care**: 11%
- **Skilled Care Services**: 20%

AARP Wisconsin urges state lawmakers to pass the Wisconsin Credit for Caring Act to bring some financial relief for family caregivers who pay for expensive care to help their loved ones.

Source: July 2019 survey of 1,000 Wisconsin Registered Voters Aged 40-plus. Margin of sample error is ±3.1%

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