



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 154

April 3, 2023 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, WIMBERGER and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives GOEBEN, MACCO, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, SPIROS and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 46.281 (1n) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring
2 allowance for health care providers to refer individuals to aging and disability
3 resource centers for options counseling.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to allow a health care provider to send communications to a patient referring the patient to an aging and disability resource center or to the website of an ADRC or DHS for information regarding long-term care options counseling. The bill also requires DHS to make a long-term care options counseling referral letter available on its website for use by health care providers. ADRCs provide information on various programs, counsel on available options, and assist individuals in applying for certain programs and benefits, including participation in the Family Care program, which provides community-based, long-term care services for frail elders and adults with physical, developmental, or intellectual disabilities. Options counseling is a decision support service intended to empower older adults, adults with disabilities, and their families and caregivers to make informed decisions about current or future long-term care choices.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

