



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 654

November 9, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives NOVAK, DITTRICH and DONOVAN,  
cosponsored by Senators JAMES, BALLWEG, CABRAL-GUEVARA and QUINN.  
Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

1     **AN ACT to create** 49.45 (9o) of the statutes; **relating to:** utilization management  
2             controls for prescription drugs to treat mental illness under the Medical  
3             Assistance program.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill prohibits the Department of Health Services from imposing any utilization management controls for prescription drugs under the Medical Assistance program that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and have an indication of approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a serious mental illness. Under the bill, “serious mental illness” is defined to mean a mental disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizotypal disorder, major depressive disorder, or post-traumatic stress disorder, that results in serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. Currently, DHS administers the Medical Assistance program, which is a joint federal and state program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

