1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 942

March 28, 2000 - Introduced by Representative GARD. Referred to Calendar.

AN ACT *to affect* 1999 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 456), section 4 (1);

relating to: providing a supplement for hourly medical assistance

reimbursement rates for in-home personal care services workers, individual

income tax modifications for medical insurance premiums and making an

appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 (the biennial budget act), the hourly medical assistance reimbursement rate for workers providing in–home personal care services is \$12.25. This bill increases the reimbursement rate by \$1, to \$13.25 per hour.

1999 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 456) creates an individual income tax deduction for 100% of the amount paid by an individual for a medical care insurance policy that covers the individual, his or her spouse and the individual's dependents if the individual, other than a self–employed person, has no employer or if the individual's employer pays no amount of money toward the individual's medical care insurance.

This bill changes the date of applicability of that tax deduction from January 1, 2000, to January 1, 2001.

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

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

SECTION 1. 1999 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 456), section 4 (1) is amended to read:

[1999 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 456)] Section 4 (1) This act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1, 2000 2001.".

SECTION 2. Appropriation changes.

(1) Supplement; in-home personal care workers. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health and family services under section 20.435 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2000–01 to supplement, beginning July 1, 2000, the hourly medical assistance reimbursement rates for workers providing in–home personal care services by \$1.

12 (END)