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Companion to LRB: **-3630**

For: **Cory Mason (608) 266-0634**

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Dodge, Tamara

From: Kleinschmidt, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 1:10 PM
To: Dodge, Tamara
Subject: RE: SHORT DEADLINE - Co-sponsor LRB 3630 - changing the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance Program

Hi Tami,

It is okay to draft the companion for Rep. Mason. Sorry I didn't get back to you right away.

Thanks much.

Linda Kleinschmidt
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From: Dodge, Tamara
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Kleinschmidt, Linda
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE - Co-sponsor LRB 3630 - changing the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance Program
Importance: High

Linda,

I see you were copied on the email from Rep. Mason's office. I also see that, because of the co-sponsorship memo, Rep. Mason has a copy of this bill. Usually if I know someone has a copy of a bill, I just draft it, but I just wanted to make sure in this instance that it is okay with your office to draft the companion. Please let me know.

Tami

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From: Selkove, Vicky
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Dodge, Tamara
Cc: Kleinschmidt, Linda
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE - Co-sponsor LRB 3630 - changing the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance Program
Importance: High

Tamara,
Can you please prepare an Assembly companion to this bill for Rep. Mason?

Thanks,
Vicky

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From: Sen.Vinehout
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2011 1:08 PM
To: *Legislative Senate Democrats; *Legislative Senate Republicans; *Legislative Senate - Independents; *Legislative Assembly Democrats; *Legislative Assembly Republicans; *Legislative Assembly Independents
Subject: SHORT DEADLINE - Co-sponsor LRB 3630 - changing the deadline for approval of a certain federal loan waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance Program
Importance: High

TO: All Legislators
FROM: Sen. Vinehout
DATE: Monday, December 19, 2011
RE: LRB 3630 – changing the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance program.

Medical Assistance provides a critical lifeline for many Wisconsinites. More than one in five Wisconsin citizens access health care through various MA programs. Hard times forces even more people to turn to the state for health care.

Choices made as part of the 2011-13 state budget put many at risk of losing their health care. Included in the state budget was language requiring DHS to request a waiver from the federal government that will allow the department to implement more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures.

The budget language also imposed an artificial deadline by which the federal government must act on the waivers of December 31, 2011.

As the deadline loomed, officials at CMS made several requests for preliminary information on the proposed waivers. Finally on November 10th the state submitted the waiver proposal.

While the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services granted preliminary approval of parts of the waiver, CMS Director Cindy Mann expressed concern about the ability to meet the December deadline.

Director Mann indicated CMS would need additional time to work with state officials on the proposals. They need more time to analyze how the proposals align or differ with the law and consider the impact on people now covered by MA programs.

LRB 3630 changes the deadline for federal government approval of waiver request to March 1, 2012. This bill would give the administration the necessary time to work with CMS to more carefully craft a proposal that would identify efficiencies in the state's MA program and consider options that will not leave thousands of

individuals, children and their families without access to health care.

To co-sponsor LRB 3630 please reply to this e-mail or call 6-8546 by **5:00 PM Thursday, December 22nd.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the Medical Assistance (MA) program, which is a joint federal and state program that pays for health services and long-term care to individuals who have limited resources. In some instances, the current MA program allows individuals who have income levels over 133 percent of the federal poverty line to receive benefits under the program. Current law requires DHS to request a waiver from the federal government to allow the department to implement eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures under the state MA plan or federal Medicaid law waivers that are more restrictive than those in place on March 23, 2010. If the federal government does not approve the waiver request before December 31, 2011, DHS must reduce, on July 1, 2012, following the procedures under federal law, income eligibility levels to 133 percent of the federal poverty line for adults who are not pregnant or disabled for the purposes of determining eligibility to the extent permitted under federal law. The bill changes the deadline for federal government approval of the waiver request to March 1, 2012.

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State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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In: 12/21/11 TODAY

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2011 BILL

Companion -
No changes

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- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 49.45 (2m) (e) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** changing the
- 2 deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the
- 3 Medical Assistance program.

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Basford, Sarah

From: Selkowe, Vicky
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 11:01 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB 11-3673/1 Topic: Change deadline for federal approval of waiver of maintenance of effort for Medical Assistance program

Please Jacket LRB 11-3673/1 for the ASSEMBLY.