



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Delaying eligibility changes to BadgerCare Plus and BadgerCare Plus Core and delaying other changes to the Medical Assistance program; and extending coverage under, and the deadline for the dissolution of, the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2013 Act 20, the 2013-15 biennial budget, made changes to Medicaid eligibility, effective January 1, 2014, to reflect the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and implementation of federal facilitated insurance marketplaces. Among other changes, the budget provided that the following BadgerCare Plus groups would transition to receiving coverage through the federal market place: a) parents and caretakers with incomes above 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and b) Core Plan childless adults with incomes above 100% FPL. The budget also offered Medicaid coverage to all childless adults up to 100% FPL beginning January 1, 2014.

Because of difficulties with the operation of the insurance marketplace at the federal level, LRB 13-3687 would delay the above changes to BadgerCare Plus eligibility until April 1, 2014.

Overall, the bill would reduce Medicaid expenditures by \$23.1 million GPR on a one time basis over the 2013-15 biennium. This net effect reflects the following changes:

- a) The cost of extending eligibility for parents and caretakers would be \$17.2 million GPR.
- b) Savings from delaying eligibility for childless adults below 100% FPL would be \$38.9 million GPR
- c) Act 20 assumed the Department of Corrections would be able to enroll more inmates into Medicaid due to eligibility changes for childless adults. Under the bill, Medicaid expenditures for inmates would be \$1.4 million GPR lower than assumed in Act 20.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications