

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-4334/1	Introduction Number	AB-0529	Estimate Type	Original
Description requirements for certain services covered under the Medical Assistance program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would make statutory language changes to allow health care providers, acting within their scope of practice, to receive payment for federally-mandated medical assistance benefits related to inpatient and outpatient hospital services, skilled nursing home services, home health services, laboratory and X-ray services, and family planning services. The bill makes a similar change for the list of medical assistance benefits that are provided at the option of the state, including services provided at intermediate care facilities, physical and occupational therapy, speech, hearing, and language disorder services, medical supplies and equipment, mental health, alcohol, and other drug abuse services, nursing services, over-the-counter drugs, personal care services, and respiratory care services for ventilator-dependent individuals.

Current statutory language provides payment for both the federally mandated and state-option medical assistance benefits if those services have been prescribed by a physician.

The language changes in this bill would improve the alignment of Departmental practice, as documented in Wisconsin's Medicaid State Plan and implemented in policies set forth by the Department, with Wisconsin statutes. The Department does not anticipate needing to make any policy changes, and does not anticipate any impact on the Medicaid budget, if the changes were to be enacted.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications