



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 28
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**Addiction Medicine
Consultation Program**

2017 Wisconsin Act 28 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create and administer an addiction medicine consultation program. The purposes of the consultation program must include assisting clinicians in providing enhanced care to patients with substance addiction and providing referral support for patients with a substance abuse disorder. The Act appropriates \$500,000 for fiscal year 2017-18, and the same amount for fiscal year 2018-19, to create and operate the program.

Under the Act, DHS must designate addiction medicine consultation program sites based on a review of proposals submitted by organizations seeking to provide consulting services under the program. DHS must select qualified organizations to provide the services under the program, through the designated sites, based on criteria specified in the Act. The consultation services must be available by telephone, at a minimum, and may be provided by video conference, voice over Internet protocol, email, pager, or in-person conference.

An organization that provides consulting services, as specified above, may provide additional services under the program, including second-opinion diagnostic and medication management evaluations and educational seminars and refresher courses for clinicians who participate in the program. The additional services are authorized and eligible for funding from DHS under certain conditions specified in the Act.

The Act requires an organization that provides services under the program to conduct certain outreach to clinicians who participate in the program. The organization must submit information collected from clinicians to DHS, on an annual basis, and the organization must report to DHS any other information as requested by the department.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

Effective date: The general effective date of the Act is July 19, 2017. The Act applies a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2017, to the appropriation of funds for the creation and operation of the program.

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