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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

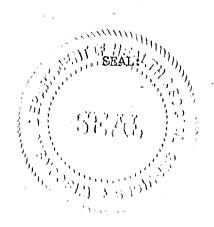
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Donald E. Percy, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of said department do hereby certify that the annexed order repealing rules relating to reimbursement for mileage and other travel expenses of county social service department employees were duly approved and adopted by this department on February 23, 1981.

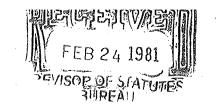
I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

Donald E. Percy, Secretary

Department of Health and Social Services



ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REPEALING RULES



Relating to rules concerning reimbursement for mileage and other travel expenses of county social service department employees.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services.

The present language of PW-PA 20.20, Wisconsin Administrative Code, dates, for the most part, from 1956. It places limits on reimbursement from state and federal funds for certain expenses of county government related to administration of income maintenance and social service programs, namely, employee work-related travel expenses and, in particular, reimbursement for mileage when the employee uses his or her own automobile.

Now, several years later, the context in which this policy is applied has changed in the following respects:

- 1) A county receives allocations for its income maintenance administrative costs and all costs of social services. What it chooses to pay its employees for mileage and other work-related travel expenses does not affect its allocations, which for the most part are covered by contracts with the Department of Health and Social Services, pursuant to Sections 46.031, 46.032, and 49.52, Wis. Stats.
- 2) In some counties, reimbursement for mileage is subject to collective bargaining between the county and its unionized employees.
- 3) PW-PA 20.20 does not apply to county staff who administer Chapter 51 programs and who all over the state have come to work closely with employees of county social service departments.
- 4) The Department is in the process of establishing uniform cost allocation guidelines for these and other expenses of the Department, county social service and mental disability agencies, and other organizations providing services under contract with the Department or with these county agencies.

The fiscal impact of repealing PW-PA 20.20 is estimated as negligible. Although the increase in allowable costs brought about by repeal of this provision would amount to \$120,000 a year, in fact since practically all counties currently spend at a level in excess of available contract funds, there would be almost no additional reimburseable costs.

In sum, repeal of PW-PA 20.20 would give counties more flexibility in determining particular administrative expenses within overall allocations and would make the application of county policies equitable for all county human services employees.

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Health and Social Services by Sections 46.03(8) and 49.50, Wis. Stats., the Department of Health and Social Services hereby repeals rules interpreting Sections 46.03(8), 46.032, 49.50, 49.51 and 49.52, Wis. Stats., as follows:

Section PW-PA 20.20 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is repealed.

Rules repealed by this order are repealed effective the first day of the month following publication of notice of repeal in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in Section 227.026(1), Wis. Stats.

Department of Health and Social Services

Dated: 7-23-8/

Bv:

Donald E. Percy

Secretary



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 1 WEST WILSON STREET MADISON, WISCONSIN 53702

February 23, 1981

Mr. Orlan Prestegard Revisor of Statutes 411 West, State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702



Dear Mr. Prestegard:

As provided in section 227.023, Wis. Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of an order repealing PW-PA 20.20, concerning reimbursement for mileage and other travel expenses of county social service department employees.

This order is being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by section 227.023, Wis. Stats.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Percy

SECRETARY

Enclosure