



**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 9,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 731**

March 30, 2000 - Offered by Representative GROTHMAN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 3, line 8: after that line insert:

3 **"SECTION 4d.** 46.515 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 46.515 (4) (b) 1. A county, other than a county with a population of 500,000 or
5 more, or an Indian tribe that is selected to participate in the program under this
6 section shall select persons who are first-time parents and who are eligible for
7 medical assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 and shall offer each of those persons an
8 opportunity to undergo an assessment through use of a risk assessment instrument
9 to determine whether the parent presents risk factors for perpetrating child abuse
10 or neglect. Persons who are selected shall be notified, both orally and in writing, that
11 undergoing the assessment or participating in home visitation program services may
12 increase their chances of being reported under s. 48.981 (2). Persons who are selected

1 and who agree to be assessed shall be assessed during the prenatal period, if possible,
2 or as close to the time of the child's birth as possible. The risk assessment instrument
3 shall be developed by the department and shall be based on risk assessment
4 instruments developed by the department for similar programs that are in operation.
5 The department need not promulgate as rules under ch. 227 the risk assessment
6 instrument developed under this subdivision. A person who is assessed to be at risk
7 of abusing or neglecting his or her child shall be offered home visitation program
8 services. Home visitation program services may be provided to a family with a child
9 identified as being at risk of child abuse or neglect until the identified child reaches
10 3 years of age. If risk factors for child abuse or neglect with respect to the identified
11 child continue to be present when the child reaches 3 years of age, home visitation
12 program services may be provided until the identified child reaches 5 years of age.
13 Home visitation program services may not be provided to a person unless the person
14 gives his or her written informed consent to receiving those services or, if the person
15 is a child, unless the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian gives his or her
16 written informed consent for the child to receive those services.”.

17 (END)