



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 198 [2003 Senate Bill 435]	Hemophilia Services
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 198 modifies the statutes that relate to the program operated by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) that provides financial assistance to persons suffering from hemophilia and other related congenital bleeding disorders. The program is required to provide assistance to those persons to purchase the blood derivatives and supplies necessary for home care.

Under the law that applied prior to Act 198, reimbursement under the hemophilia assistance program may not be made for any portion of the costs of blood products or supplies that are payable under any other state, federal, or other health care coverage program, including a health care coverage program specified by DHFS by rule, or under any grant, contract, or other contractual arrangement.

Act 198 modifies the above language so that reimbursement would not be made under the hemophilia assistance program for any portion of the costs of blood products or supplies that are payable under any state, federal, or other health care coverage program “under which the person is covered,” including a health care coverage program specified by DHFS by rule, or under any grant, contract, or other contractual arrangement. In addition, the Act states that with regard to the rules promulgated by DHFS that specify other programs that a person must apply for before applying for benefits under the hemophilia assistance program, DHFS may waive the requirement for an applicant who requests a waiver for religious reasons.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 23, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.