



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 247**  
[2009 Senate Bill 491]

**Remedial Legislation**  
[Department of Health Services]

This legislation was suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health Services and introduced by the Joint Legislative Council's Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., Stats.

Under the Family Care program, Resource Centers provide information referral services to elderly and disabled persons within a specified geographical area. 2009 Wisconsin Act 247 provides that a Resource Center must provide information on Family Care and the self-directed services option (an option operated under a waiver of federal Medicaid laws that allows elderly and physically and developmentally disabled individuals to direct how their benefit is spent and select their own providers) only to facility residents who are residents at the time when the Family Care benefit becomes available in the county where the facility is located. The Act also expands the people to whom this information is provided to include persons with developmental disabilities. The Act also requires the Resource Center to assist those residents who choose to enroll in the self-directed services option.

For additional information, see the Legislative Reference Bureau analysis and the Law Revision Committee notes included in the original bill.

**Effective date:** 2009 Wisconsin Act 247 takes effect on May 20, 2010.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.