



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 991

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) was required to request a waiver from the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration project, under the Medical Assistance Program, to provide family planning services to any woman aged 15 to 44 whose family income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty line for families the size of the woman's family. DHFS was also required to implement the waiver, if granted by July 1, 1998, or the waiver's effective date, whichever was later.

2005 Assembly Bill 991 changes the minimum age requirement, from 15 to 18 years, for eligibility for the Medical Assistance Program Demonstration Project to provide family planning services to any woman whose family income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty line for families the size of the woman's family.

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that:

1. By May 1, 2006, DHFS must seek **approval** from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of an **amendment to the waiver**, specified above, and, if necessary, approval of a revised budget neutrality determination, to implement provision of family planning services, specified above, only to eligible women between the ages of 18 and 44.
2. If DHFS receives this approval, DHFS must provide the family planning services only to those women, beginning on the date that the approval is made.
3. If DHFS does not receive approval of an amendment to the waiver and, if necessary, approval of a revised budget neutrality determination, DHFS must provide the family planning services specified above to eligible women between the ages of 15 and 44.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by the Assembly Committee on Family Law. On February 22, 2006, the Assembly Committee on Family Law voted to adopt the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 1.

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