



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 477

Assembly Amendment 1

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Currently, if the Department of Health Services (DHS) proposes to contract with entities to administer Family Care in geographic areas which, in the aggregate, resides more than 29% of the state's population that is eligible for Family Care, DHS must first notify the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) in writing of the proposed contract. Under a 14-working day passive review procedure, if the JFC Co-Chairs notify DHS within that time period that it has scheduled a meeting to review the proposal, DHS may enter into the contract only if the committee approves it, or if the committee fails to act within 59 working days after DHS notifies JFC of the proposed contract. If the JFC takes no action, the DHS may enter into the proposed contract.

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the procedure described above. The amendment requires the proposed contract for Family Care expansion to be submitted for JFC approval. The 14-day passive review procedure is eliminated. The DHS may enter into the Family Care contract only if the JFC approves the proposed contract. In addition, the amendment specifies that the procedure under s. 13.10, Stats., does not apply in the case of a proposed Family Care expansion.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care took executive action on the bill on February 28, 2012. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 4, and Noes, 2; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6, and Noes, 0.

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