



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 263

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 263

2017 Assembly Bill 263 addresses certain fraud prevention efforts in public assistance programs. First, the bill specifies that FoodShare accounts must be moved offline if the account is unused and inactive for six months and benefits must be expunged if not used after one year. Second, the bill requires the Department of Health Services to request a federal waiver in order to limit FoodShare replacement cards to four within a 12-month period. Lastly, the bill creates an optional incentive program for fraud identification in the FoodShare, Medical Assistance (BadgerCare Plus), and Wisconsin Works (W-2) programs.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 removes the provisions relating to inactive accounts and unused benefits in the FoodShare program, which were enacted in 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017-2019 Biennial Budget Act. The amendment also removes the optional incentive program for fraud identification in the W-2 program, but maintains it for the FoodShare and BadgerCare Plus programs.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Jacque on October 13, 2017. On January 30, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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