

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

June 21, 2019

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 183** in its entirety.

This bill prohibits the Department of Health Services from certifying, and requires the department to decertify by July 1, 2020, a provider under the Medical Assistance program that is a private entity that provides abortion services or is an affiliate of a person that provides abortion services, with certain exceptions. The bill also requires the department to seek any waiver of federal law, state plan amendment or other federal approval to implement this prohibition.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to this restriction on women's access to basic reproductive healthcare. Current state and federal law preclude taxpayer funding from supporting abortion services. This bill unnecessarily restricts access and choices for women seeking general healthcare, including pregnancy testing and related services, cancer screening and prevention, sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment, and well-woman exams.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor