



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 892

March 27, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives HULSEY, C. TAYLOR and YOUNG, cosponsored by Senator L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (4) (ww), 25.17 (1) (aL), 25.76 and 49.45 (23p) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** creating the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund,
3 providing funding for the well-woman program and reducing infant morbidity
4 and mortality, and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program, under which service providers are reimbursed for providing preventive health care services to low-income, underinsured, and uninsured women. This bill provides \$50,000,000 in additional general purpose revenue for the program over the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

Under current law, the health department of the city of Racine is required to implement a program to reduce fetal and infant mortality and morbidity. This bill provides an additional \$10,000,000 in general purpose revenue for the program over the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

The bill creates the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund. The bill requires DHS to create a program to provide outreach services to individuals who lost eligibility for the Medical Assistance program known as BadgerCare Plus and to provide payment for claims that would have been paid by the BadgerCare Plus program had the individual not lost eligibility for the program. To be eligible for reimbursement from the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund, an individual must make a claim within one year of losing eligibility for BadgerCare Plus. The bill transfers \$36,000,000 from the

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general fund to the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (4) (ww) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.435 (4) (ww) *BadgerCare Plus restoration fund.* From the BadgerCare Plus
3 restoration fund, a sum sufficient to provide outreach services and reimbursements
4 under the program under s. 49.45 (23p).

5 **SECTION 2.** 25.17 (1) (aL) of the statutes is created to read:

6 25.17 (1) (aL) BadgerCare Plus restoration fund (s. 25.76);

7 **SECTION 3.** 25.76 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **25.76 BadgerCare Plus restoration fund.** There is established a separate
9 nonlapsible trust fund designated as the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund
10 consisting of all moneys transferred from the general fund to the BadgerCare Plus
11 restoration fund.

12 **SECTION 4.** 49.45 (23p) of the statutes is created to read:

13 49.45 (23p) **BADGERCARE PLUS RESTORATION PROGRAM.** The department shall
14 create a program to provide outreach services to individuals who lost eligibility for
15 the BadgerCare Plus program and to provide payment for claims that would have
16 been paid by the BadgerCare Plus program had the individual not lost eligibility for
17 the program. An individual shall make a claim within one year of losing eligibility
18 for BadgerCare Plus to be eligible for reimbursement under this program.

19 **SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.**

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1 (1) **BADGERCARE PLUS RESTORATION FUND.** An amount equal to \$36,000,000 shall
2 be transferred from the general fund to the BadgerCare Plus restoration fund during
3 the 2013-14 fiscal year.

4 (2) **FETAL AND INFANT MORTALITY.** In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
5 statutes for the appropriation to the department of health services under section
6 20.435 (1) (eu) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is
7 increased by \$10,000,000 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this
8 subsection takes effect to increase home visits to pregnant women.

9 (3) **WELL-WOMAN PROGRAM.** In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
10 statutes for the appropriation to the department of health services under section
11 20.435 (1) (cb) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is
12 increased by \$15,000,000 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this
13 subsection takes effect for the purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the
14 schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the
15 department of health services under section 20.435 (1) (cb) of the statutes, as affected
16 by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$35,000,000 for the second
17 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect for the
18 purposes for which the appropriation is made.

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