



2021 SENATE BILL 132

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** coverage of vaccinations under SeniorCare.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Health Services administers the SeniorCare program, which provides assistance to individuals who are elderly in the purchase of prescription drugs. 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 requires DHS to include under the SeniorCare program coverage of vaccinations that are recommended for administration to adults by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and approved by DHS. DHS must also provide payments to health care providers that administer the vaccinations and submit claims for payment in the manner required. SeniorCare is operated under a waiver of federal Medicaid laws, but DHS is required to operate the program regardless of whether a waiver is received from the federal government. This bill clarifies that DHS must cover and reimburse vaccinations under SeniorCare as required under 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 by January 15, 2021, regardless of whether a federal waiver is received.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) COVERAGE OF VACCINATIONS UNDER SENIORCARE. By January 15, 2021, the
4 department of health services shall cover and provide reimbursement for

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SECTION 1

1 vaccinations under the program under s. 49.688 in accordance with 2019 Wisconsin
2 Act 185, sections 15 to 17, regardless of whether a waiver related to coverage or
3 reimbursement of vaccinations is granted by the federal department of health and
4 human services.

5 (END)