



## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 943

January 12, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives PALMERI, BALDEH, CONLEY, DRAKE, JOERS, MAXEY, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, SNODGRASS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators FEYEN and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (7) (bm) and 146.619 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants  
2 for patient lift devices and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to establish and administer a program to award grants to community-based residential facilities, hospices, nursing homes, and residential care apartment complexes for the purchase of patient lift devices. In order to receive a grant, an applicant must meet criteria established by DHS, including a requirement to report data as specified by DHS or a third party under contract with DHS. Grant recipients must spend grant moneys only on patient lift devices that 1) are approved by DHS, 2) can be operated independently by a patient or resident, 3) can be operated by or with the assistance of facility staff, and 4) aid in mechanically lifting a human.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**SECTION 1**

**2023-24**

**2024-25**

1 **20.435 Health services, department of**

2 (7) DISABILITY AND ELDER SERVICES

3 (bm) Patient lift devices grant pro-

4 gram GPR C 300,000 -0-

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (7) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.435 (7) (bm) *Patient lift devices grant program.* As a continuing  
7 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for patient lift device grants and data  
8 collection under s. 146.619.

9 **SECTION 3.** 146.619 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **146.619 Patient lift devices grant program. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this  
11 section:

12 (a) "Community-based residential facility" has the meaning given in s. 50.01  
13 (1g).

14 (b) "Hospice" has the meaning given in s. 50.90 (1).

15 (c) "Nursing home" has the meaning given in s. 50.01 (3).

16 (d) "Residential care apartment complex" has the meaning given in s. 50.01  
17 (6d).

18 **(2) GRANTS.** (a) The department shall establish and administer a program to  
19 award grants to community-based residential facilities, hospices, nursing homes,  
20 and residential care apartment complexes for the purchase of patient lift devices that  
21 comply with the requirements of par (d) 1. to 4.

22 (b) A community-based residential facility, hospice, nursing home, or  
23 residential care apartment complex that desires to participate in the grant program

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1 under this subsection shall file an application with the department. The department  
2 shall award grants to applicants on the basis of criteria determined by the  
3 department that includes an agreement that the applicant will participate in data  
4 reporting as specified under sub. (3) (a).

5 (c) A recipient of a grant under this subsection shall report data as specified  
6 under sub. (3) (a).

7 (d) Moneys awarded under this subsection shall be expended for the purchase  
8 of patient lift devices that meet all of the following requirements:

- 9 1. Are approved by the department.
- 10 2. Can be operated independently by a patient or resident.
- 11 3. Can be operated by or with the assistance of facility staff.
- 12 4. Aid in mechanically lifting a human.

13 **(3) *Data reporting and collection.*** (a) The department shall specify the type  
14 and form of data reporting required for recipients of grants under sub. (2). The  
15 department shall facilitate the collection and analysis of the reported data. The  
16 department may contract with a 3rd party to implement this paragraph.

17 (b) No more than \$100,000 from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (7) (bm) may  
18 be expended on data collection and analysis under par. (a).

19 (END)