



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 729

December 2, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives ROZAR, BROOKS, KRUG, MOSES, SUBECK and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators BALLWEG, COWLES and FELZKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** modifying administrative rules related to home health
2 agencies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes changes to the administrative rules related to home health agencies. Home health agencies provide skilled nursing and other therapeutic services on a visiting basis to persons in their homes. Under current administrative rules, a practitioner develops an initial plan of care for every patient within 72 hours of the patient's acceptance for care to a home health agency. This bill extends to 120 hours the deadline for practitioners to develop an initial plan of care. Current administrative rules require a registered nurse or other therapist providing skilled care to a patient who is under the care of a home health agency to make supervisory visits to the patient's residence at least every two weeks. If a patient is receiving only personal care services, current administrative rules require a registered nurse to make supervisory visits to the patient's residence at least every 60 days. This bill allows a registered nurse or skilled therapist to make the supervisory visits remotely under certain conditions. This bill also eliminates the requirement under current administrative rules that a home health agency establish a professional advisory body that advises the agency on professional issues.

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

