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2021 SENATE BILL 798

December 17, 2021 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, CARPENTER, FELZKOWSKI, JOHNSON, KOOYENGA and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, ROZAR, NOVAK, DITTRICH, HONG, KITCHENS, SPREITZER and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Health.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 252.12 (2) (a) 8. (intro.), 252.12 (2) (a) 8. c. and 252.12 (2) (c)
2 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** grantees and funding purposes of Mike Johnson
3 life care and early intervention services grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Department of Health Services awards Mike Johnson life care and early intervention services grants to applying organizations for HIV-related services, including needs assessments, assistance in procuring services, counseling and therapy, home care services and supplies, advocacy, case management services, and early intervention services. Current law sets the following criteria on the grants: funds must be used to provide medical care and support services for individuals with HIV and funds may not be used for political purposes or to develop materials or fund AIDS programs that promote intravenous drug use or sexual activity.

This bill adds to the required uses of the grant funds providing access to clinical services and laboratory testing for individuals who are at risk for HIV to obtain access to pre-exposure prophylaxis. Additionally, the bill specifies that grantees must be applying AIDS service organizations. AIDS service organizations, as defined under current law, are nonprofit corporations or public agencies that provide or arrange for comprehensive services to prevent HIV infection and comprehensive

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health and social services for persons who have HIV infection and that have been designated so by DHS.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 252.12 (2) (a) 8. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 252.12 (2) (a) 8. 'Mike Johnson life care and early intervention services grants.'

3 (intro.) The department shall award not more than \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year in
4 grants to applying AIDS service organizations for the provision of needs
5 assessments; assistance in procuring financial, medical, legal, social and pastoral
6 services; counseling and therapy; homecare services and supplies; advocacy; and
7 case management services. These services shall include early intervention services.
8 The department shall also award not more than \$74,000 in each year from the
9 appropriation account under s. 20.435 (5) (md) for the services under this
10 subdivision. The state share of payment for case management services that are
11 provided under s. 49.45 (25) (be) to recipients of medical assistance shall be paid from
12 the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (am). All of the following apply to
13 grants awarded under this subdivision:

14 **SECTION 2.** 252.12 (2) (a) 8. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 252.12 (2) (a) 8. c. Funds awarded shall be used to provide medical care and
16 support services for individuals with HIV and to provide access to clinical services
17 and laboratory testing for individuals who are at risk for HIV to obtain access to
18 pre-exposure prophylaxis.

19 **SECTION 3.** 252.12 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 252.12 (2) (c) 2. From the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (am), the
21 department shall award \$75,000 in each fiscal year as grants for services to prevent

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1 HIV infection and related infections, including hepatitis C virus infection. Criteria
2 for award of the grants shall include the criteria specified under subd. 1. The
3 department shall award 60 percent of the funding to applying AIDS service
4 organizations that receive funding under par. (a) 8. and 40 percent of the funding to
5 applying community-based organizations that are operated by minority group
6 members, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (f).

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