

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 916

March 21, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives SUDER, GARD, JENSEN, URBAN, HAHN, SYKORA, HUNDERTMARK, KELSO, FREESE, OTT, MUSSER, HUEBSCH, M. LEHMAN, PETROWSKI, OLSEN, STONE, SERATTI, MONTGOMERY, UNDERHEIM, HUTCHISON, VRAKAS and RHOADES, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to calendar.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.865 (4) (d); *to amend* 20.435 (4) (bc); and *to create* 20.865
2 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the joint committee on finance
3 to supplement an appropriation for the badger care health care program and
4 authorizing the department of health and family services to establish certain
5 reimbursement rates for health care services provided under the badger care
6 health care program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the joint committee on finance (JCF) may supplement any appropriation of any department, board, commission or agency with moneys that are appropriated to JCF if JCF finds that an emergency exists, no moneys are available in the appropriation and the legislature has authorized the purposes for which JCF supplements the appropriation. Current law also authorizes JCF to transfer appropriated moneys between any two appropriations, other than a sum sufficient appropriation, or programs if JCF finds that the transfer will eliminate duplicative functions, create more effective and efficient programs or more effectively carry out the legislature's intent.

Also under current law, the department of health and family services (DHFS) administers the badger care health care program. Under this program, DHFS reimburses health care providers for health care services provided to certain low-income families and certain low-income children who do not reside at home.

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Under this bill, JCF is authorized in the 1999–2001 fiscal biennium to transfer appropriated moneys from any general purpose revenue appropriation of a state agency, other than a sum sufficient appropriation, to DHFS to supplement the badger care health care program for costs of increasing enrollment and changing the rates of reimbursement paid to health care providers if JCF finds that transferring the moneys will eliminate duplicative functions, create more effective and efficient programs or more effectively carry out the legislature’s intent. This bill also creates a sum sufficient supplemental appropriation for JCF to supplement in the 1999–2001 fiscal biennium the appropriation to DHFS for the badger care health care program for costs of increasing enrollment and changing the rates of reimbursement paid to health care providers. This bill also changes the appropriation to DHFS for the badger care health care program from an annual appropriation to a biennial appropriation.

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) (bc) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9,
2 is amended to read:

3 20.435 **(4)** (bc) *Health care for low-income families.* ~~As a continuing~~
4 ~~appropriation~~ Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the badger care health care
5 program for low-income families under s. 49.665.

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.865 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.865 **(4)** (d) *Badger care health care program supplement.* A sum sufficient
8 to supplement the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bc) as provided in 1999
9 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 4 (b).

10 **SECTION 3.** 20.865 (4) (d) of the statutes, as created by 1999 Wisconsin Act
11 (this act), is repealed.

12 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

13 (1) BADGER CARE SUPPLEMENT.

