DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

March 27, 2001

To Representative Gard:

Please review this draft very carefully. In the bill, I have drafted language different from that proposed, which was extracted from provisions contained in the Wisconsin Works health plan benefits section under s. 49.153, 1995 stats., (repealed under 1997 Wisconsin Act 27), because that language, although it was applicable to coverage provided under the Wisconsin Works program, is not necessarily apt in the context of s. 20.927, stats., under which no coverage is provided. My specific changes are as follows:

1. In s. 20.927 (2) (a) and (b), the language proposed referred to an "individual health care provider"; I have instead used the term "physician," because it is consistent with the term used throughout s. 20.927, including elsewhere in those paragraphs. In addition, the proposed language referred to "any agency or fiscal intermediary of the state"; I added "or a county, city, village, town, or family care district", consistent with s. 20.927 (1), stats.

2. For s. 20.927 (3g), the proposed language stated "Quarterly, as determined by the department of health and family services, following any annual quarter in which health care services have been provided under coverage that is affected by this paragraph, the coverage provider [shall submit a report]"; I have substituted "In the quarter following any annual quarter in which an abortion has been provided using state, county, city, village, town or family care district funds or federal funds passing through the state treasury, the physician or, if any, coverage provider [shall submit a report]." In addition, the proposed language referred to "individuals who have coverage for the abortion under this section, as permitted under subd. 3."; I have substituted "individuals for whom the use of state, county, city, village, town, or family care district funds or federal funds passing through the state treasury for an abortion is permitted under this section."

3. I drafted s. 20.927 (3r) in active, rather than passive, voice.

Please let me know if I may provide you with further assistance with respect to this bill.

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