

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 564

October 11, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives LEIBHAM, STARZYK, DUFF, JESKEWITZ, KREIBICH, LADWIG, URBAN, TOWNSEND, M. LEHMAN, AINSWORTH, J. FITZGERALD, MCCORMICK, SUDER, BIES, SYKORA, RYBA, GUNDERSON, GROTHMAN, KAUFERT, OWENS, VRAKAS, OTT, NASS, STONE and SKINDRUD, cosponsored by Senators S. FITZGERALD, WELCH, HARSDFORF, HUELSMAN and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 302.386 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing the
 2 deductible, coinsurance, or copayment of medical or dental care costs paid by
 3 persons in prisons, correctional facilities, or secured child caring institutions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of corrections (DOC) may require a person residing in a secured correctional facility for adults or for children to pay a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or similar charge if the person receives medical or dental care. Currently, DOC has the authority to exempt or waive the payment of those charges under criteria that DOC establishes by rule.

Currently, if DOC requires a person to pay the charge, the charge may not be less than \$2.50. This bill raises that minimum charge to \$4.

For further information see the *state* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 302.386 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
 5 302.386 (3) (b) If the resident under par. (a) requests the medical services or
 6 dental services, the department shall require the resident to pay the deductible,

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1 coinsurance, copayment, or similar charge. The department may not charge the
2 person less than ~~\$2.50~~ \$4 for each request. The requirements under this paragraph
3 are subject to the exception and waiver provisions under par. (c).

4 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) This act first applies to medical and dental services furnished to residents
6 of secured correctional facilities on the effective date of this subsection.

7 (END)