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Department of Health and Family Services 2001-2003 Statutory Language Request June 20, 2000

General Relief Benefits for Counties other than Milwaukee County

Current Language

s. 49.027

20.115(4)(h) 271.02 (Le)

Proposed Change

- 1. Eliminate all statutory language relating to the 1994 limitation on non-Milwaukee counties' maximum share of general relief [Delete 49.027 (2)(a)1.a., 49.027 (2)(a)1.b., 49.027 (2)(a)1.c., 49.027 (2)(a)1.d., 49.027 (2)(a)2., and 49.027 (2)(a)3.; renumber 49.027 (2)(a)2.a., 49.027 (2)(a)2.b.; and edit 49.027 (2)(a)4. and 49.027 (2)(b) to reflect new numbering.]
- 2. Add language to 49.027 (2)(a) so that the state reimbursement for general relief to counties other than Milwaukee County does not exceed the appropriated amount. If the reimbursement is expected to exceed the appropriated amount, reimbursement to all participating counties will be pro-rated so to not exceed the appropriated amount.

Effect of the Change

This language will restructure the reimbursement formula for non-Milwaukee counties for general relief block grant funds, and base reimbursement on current need and not need as established in 1994.

Rationale for the Change

In the 1995-1997 biennial budget act, Wisconsin Act 27, the state's mandatory general relief program was changed to an optional county general relief block grant program. Act 27 created three separate general relief block grant programs: a tribal block grant program, a general relief block grant program for Milwaukee County, and a general relief block grant for counties other than Milwaukee

Although Act 27 expanded use of general relief in counties other than Milwaukee and provided an opportunity for counties to more freely provide assistance to dependent persons, current law limits the general relief block grant program from adapting to population and demographic changes. Each county cannot receive a higher portion of the total currently appropriated funds for general relief than the portion received of total 1994 general relief funds, regardless of

demographic changes that may have occurred in relation to other counties participating in general relief. The 1994 limitation does not allow the Department to meet the changing needs of counties through the general relief program.

See attached statutory language draft.

Desired Effective Date:

Upon Passage of the Budget Bill

Agency:

DHFS

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TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

At the locations indicated, amend the with as follows:

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available in 1994. In addition, the bill requires DHFS to prorate the available funds

among the eligible counties in proportion to each county's calculated grant amount if funding is insufficient to pay all of the relief block grants. 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 #. Page 586, line 13: of the that line Insert! "SECTION 4. 49.027 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 49.027 (2) (a) (intro.) If a county is eligible to receive a relief block grant in a year, the department shall pay to the county, in accordance with s. 49.031 and subject to par. (c), from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bt), an amount for that year determined as follows: 49.027 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed. SECTION (49.027 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed. 1656di SECTION 4. 49.027 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read: 49.027 (2) (a) 4. From the amount determined under subd. 2.2, the department shall subtract amounts paid to hospitals in that county under s. 49.45 (6y) and (6z) for that calendar year. SECTION 49.027 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read: 49.027 (2) (c) If sufficient funds are not available to pay all of the relief block grants calculated under par. (a), the department shall prorate the available funds among the eligible counties in proportion to the amounts calculated under par. (a).

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5	year, the department shall pay to the county, in accordance with s. 49.031 and subject
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