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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2001-02

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Corrections and Courts (AC-CC)

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Moved by Representative Suder, seconded by Representative Underheim, that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

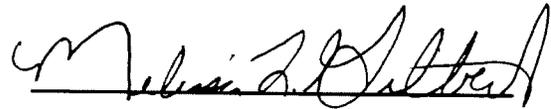
Ayes: (7) Representatives Walker, Suder, Friske,  
Owens, Skindrud, Underheim and Balow.  
Noes: (3) Representatives Coggs, Pocan and Colon.  
Absent: (0) None.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 3, Absent 0

Moved by Representative Suder, seconded by Representative Underheim, that **Assembly Bill 564** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Walker, Suder, Friske,  
Owens, Skindrud, Underheim and Balow.  
Noes: (3) Representatives Coggs, Pocan and Colon.  
Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 3, Absent 0



Committee Clerk

# Vote Record

## Assembly - Committee on Corrections and the Courts

Date: 2/27/02  
 Moved by: Suder      Seconded by: Underheim  
 AB: 564      SB: \_\_\_\_\_      Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR: \_\_\_\_\_      SJR: \_\_\_\_\_      Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Rep. Scott Walker, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Scott Suder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Donald Friske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Carol Owens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Rick Skindrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Gregg Underheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Larry Balow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. G. Spencer Coggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Mark Pocan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Pedro Colon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	7	3	0	0

# Vote Record

## Assembly - Committee on Corrections and the Courts

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 AB: SGH      SB: \_\_\_\_\_      Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
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Totals:    7      3      0      0





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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2001 Assembly Bill 564</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
<b>Memo published: February 28, 2002</b> <b>Contact: Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney (267-9485)</b>	

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) may require an inmate in a state prison or a juvenile in a juvenile correctional facility who earns wages during residency in the prison or facility to pay a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or similar charge for medical or dental services that he or she receives. If such an inmate or juvenile *requests* medical or dental services, DOC must require the resident to pay a copayment. The copayment for requested services may not be less than \$2.50 for each service received.

Under 2001 Assembly Bill 564, the copayment for requested medical or dental services may not be less than \$4 for each service received.

Under Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill, the copayment for requested medical or dental services may not be less than \$7.50 for each service received.

The Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3, on February 27, 2002.

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# Joseph K. Leibham

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*City of Sheboygan Wards 1-3, 5,6,9, 11-16; Town of Sheboygan; Village of Kohler;  
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February 6, 2002

## Testimony on Assembly Bill 564

*Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts*

Good Morning Chairman Walker & Committee Members,

I appreciate your interest in hearing testimony on Assembly Bill 564 (AB 564).

Currently, inmates in Wisconsin prisons are required to pay a \$2.50 co-payment for each self-initiated medical or dental service. No co-payment is required for emergency medical care or follow-up care initiated by prison health care staff. The additional costs for this care are covered by taxpayers. A recent audit of the prison health care system revealed that in fiscal year (FY) 1999-2000, the Department of Corrections spent \$37.2 million and employed 232.5 full-time equivalent medical professionals and support staff to provide this care.

AB 564 would increase the medical co-payment required from inmates to **\$4.00 per self-initiated medical or dental visit** to help offset the high cost of providing health care in the prison system. The Department of Corrections would retain the authority to exempt or waive the payment requirement for those inmates unable to pay.

While this increase will help raise additional revenues to cover the costs of prison health care, the main intent of this increase is to decrease the number of questionable, and perhaps unnecessary requests for health care service, therefore allowing a greater focus on critical health care needs.

Wisconsin currently charges inmates less for inmate-initiated sick call visits than several comparable states including Minnesota, Michigan, Arizona and Tennessee.

As the cost of health care continues to increase for all segments of our population including our law-abiding families and seniors, it is not unreasonable to ask inmates in Wisconsin's correctional institutions to pay a more equitable share of their health care costs.

Thank you again for your interest in AB 564. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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AN EVALUATION

# *Prison Health Care*

*Department of Corrections*

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Committee Members -  
Per your request!  
Thanks! Joe Leibham

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In 2000, the Department began a review of the telemedicine program. It currently has a plan to use the telemedicine equipment for its originally intended purpose at Columbia, Waupun, and Dodge and has established a goal of doing so at these institutions 200-220 times over the course of a year. This will require overcoming several remaining challenges, including that the equipment is now several years old, equipment warranties have expired, some equipment vendors have changed, and training opportunities for the existing equipment are lacking.

### **Increased Medical Co-Payment Fees**

Beginning in December 1995, inmates were required by statutes to make a co-payment of \$2.50 for each request for medical or dental services. Co-payments are not required for emergency medical care or follow-up care scheduled by health care staff, and the Department indicates that inmates are not refused care if they do not have funds for co-payment. ~~The intent of the medical co-payment fee is to reduce the number of unnecessary requests for health care.~~ The Legislature could consider increasing the medical co-payment fee, which could reduce the number of routine health service requests and make additional staff time available for other activities, including better management of chronically ill inmates. It would also raise a small amount of program revenue.

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**The inmate co-payment fee generates over \$96,000 annually.**

As shown in Table 32, the Department's implementation of the medical co-payment fee has resulted in fewer inmate-initiated requests for medical service, and the fee generated over \$96,000 in FY 1999-2000. Although there is not a perfect correlation between the number of inmate visits to health services units and the number of inmate-initiated requests for care, visits to health services units is the statistic that most closely mirrors the number of inmate-initiated health care requests.

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**Wisconsin currently charges inmates less for inmate-initiated sick call visits than several of our comparison states.**

Wisconsin currently charges inmates less for inmate-initiated sick call visits than several of our comparison states. For example, Minnesota, Michigan, Arizona, and Tennessee all charge a \$3.00 co-payment fee. In FY 1998-99, Illinois charged \$2.00.

We could not easily document whether the co-payment fee is always applied for inmate-initiated visits to all health services units. However, assuming no change in the number of inmate-initiated visits to health services units that result in collection of a co-payment fee, increasing the fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00 would have generated an additional \$19,273 in program revenue in FY 1999-2000.

Table 32

**Inmate Medical Co-Payment Fee Revenue**  
 FY 1994-95 through FY 1999-2000

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Co-Payment Fees Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Inmate Visits to Health Services Units</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	58,016	n.a.
1995-96	\$47,589*	n.a.	44,813	-22.8%
1996-97	75,048	n.a.	37,123	-17.2
1997-98	84,556	12.7%	40,796	9.9
1998-99	88,337	4.5	37,566	-7.9
1999-2000	96,365	9.1	43,486	15.8

\* The co-payment fee was initiated in December 1995; FY 1995-96 represents seven months of revenue.

It should be noted, however, that increasing the co-payment fee could reduce access to health care for some inmates. Some health services unit staff oppose increasing the co-payment fee because they believe it will increase barriers to health care. NCCHC generally opposes co-payment systems that restrict inmate access to care, which in this case would involve those inmates who choose not to request care because of the fee. Finally, the Department believes that increasing the co-payment fee when inmate wages have not been increased since 1982 could create increased security problems.

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2/16/02

Joe Leibham - ARS Slet (inmate co-pay)

May 2001 audit of DOC health

\$37.2 million spent on health care

increase from \$2.50 → \$4 ~~co-pay~~ for

self-initiated & medical appointments could  
be waived by DOC (not required for emergencies/follow-ups)

WI charges less than comparable states