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AN ACT *to amend* 146.89 (1), 146.89 (3) (a), 146.89 (3) (b) 8. and 146.89 (3) (d) 2.; and *to create* 146.89 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** provision of dental and dental hygiene services to Medical Assistance recipients by a volunteer health care provider.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 146.89 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
2 146.89 (1) In this section, “volunteer health care provider” means an individual
3 who is licensed as a physician under ch. 448, dentist or dental hygienist under ch.
4 447, registered nurse, practical nurse or nurse–midwife under ch. 441, optometrist
5 under ch. 449, or physician assistant under ch. 448 or who is certified as a dietitian
6 under subch. V of ch. 448 and who receives no income from the practice of that health

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1 care profession or who receives no income from the practice of that health care
2 profession when providing services at the nonprofit agency specified under sub. (3).

3 **SECTION 2.** 146.89 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 146.89 (3) (a) The volunteer health care provider shall provide services under
5 par. (b) without charge, except as provided in sub. (3m), at the nonprofit agency, if
6 the joint application of the volunteer health care provider and the nonprofit agency
7 has received approval under sub. (2) (a).

8 **SECTION 3.** 146.89 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 146.89 (3) (b) 8. Dental services, including simple tooth extractions and any
10 necessary suturing related to the extractions, performed by a dentist who is a
11 volunteer health provider; and dental hygiene services, performed by a dental
12 hygienist who is a volunteer health provider.

13 **SECTION 4.** 146.89 (3) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 146.89 (3) (d) 2. ~~Medical assistance~~ Except as provided in sub. (3m), Medical
15 Assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49.

16 **SECTION 5.** 146.89 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

17 146.89 (3m) A volunteer health care provider who is a dentist may provide
18 dental services or a volunteer health care provider who is a dental hygienist may
19 provide dental hygiene services, to persons who are recipients of Medical Assistance,
20 if all of the following apply:

21 (a) The nonprofit agency's fees for these services apply to the recipients and to
22 persons who are not recipients of Medical Assistance.

23 (b) The agency accepts discounted payments, based on ability to pay, from the
24 persons who are not Medical Assistance recipients.

