BILL HISTORY FOR SENATE BILL 243 (LRB -3093)

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. (FE)

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09–10. S.	S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Lassa, Lazich, Moore, Risser and Robson; cosponsored by Representatives Wieckert, Kaufert, Albers, Berceau, Bies, Coggs, Friske, Gottlieb, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Hundertmark, Jensen, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Ladwig, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Loeffelholz, Lothian, McCormick, Miller, Musser, Nass, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Rhoades, Seratti, Staskunas, Van Roy, Vrakas, J. Wood, Young and Taylor.
09–10. S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care
09–16. S.	Public hearing held.
09–17. S.	Executive action taken.
09–23. S.	Report passage recommended by committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care, Ayes 9, Noes 0
09–23. S.	Available for scheduling.
09–30. S.	Placed on calendar 10–1–2003 by committee on Senate Organization.
10–01. S.	Senator Hansen added as a coauthor
10–01. S.	Read a second time
1001. S.	Senator Wirch added as a coauthor
10–01. S.	Senator Kedzie added as a coauthor
10–01. S.	Senator Panzer added as a coauthor
10–01. S.	Ordered to a third reading
10–01. S.	Rules suspended
10-01. S.	Read a third time and passed
10–01. S.	Ordered immediately messaged
10-09. A.	Received from Senate
10-09. A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health
10–09. A.	Fiscal estimate received.
	Public hearing held.
10–14. A.	Executive action taken.
10–27. A.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Health, Ayes 16, Noes 0
10-27. A.	Referred to committee on Rules
11–12. A.	Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Rules and take up 529
11–12. A.	Read a second time
11–12. A.	Referred to joint committee on Finance
11–12. A.	withdrawn from joint committee on Finance and taken up
11–12. A.	Ordered to a third reading
11–1 <i>2</i> . A.	Rules suspended
11-12. A.	Read a third time and concurred in
11-12. A.	Ordered immediately messaged
11–13. S.	Received from Assembly concurred in.

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2003 SENATE BILL 243

September 10, 2003 — Introduced by Senators Roessler, Brown, Carpenter, Schultz, Zien, Chvala, Darling, Decker, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Lassa, Lazich, Moore, Risser and Robson, cosponsored by Representatives Wieckert, Kaufert, Albers, Berceau, Bies, Coggs, Friske, Gottlieb, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Hundertmark, Jensen, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Ladwig, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Loeffelholz, Lothian, McCormick, Miller, Musser, Nass, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Rhoades, Seratti, Staskunas, Van Roy, Vrakas, J. Wood, Young and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

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

Under the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program in current law, health care services of a volunteer health care provider and a nonprofit agency whose joint application is approved by the Department of Administration must be provided without charge primarily to low–income persons who are uninsured and are not recipients of Medical Assistance (MA) or Medicare Program benefits. Volunteer health care providers include physicians, dentists, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse–midwives, optometrists, and physician assistants.

This bill expands the definition of "volunteer health care provider" to include dental hygienists. The bill authorizes a volunteer health care provider who is a dentist or dental hygienist to provide dental or dental hygiene services to MA recipients if the volunteer health care provider is a certified provider of MA services, has received a waiver from the Department of Health and Family Services of the certification requirement, or is not required to be certified. The nonprofit agency with which such a volunteer health care provider is joined in an approved application may charge fees for these services to all persons served, but the agency must accept discounted payments, based on ability to pay, from the persons who are not MA recipients.

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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 enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 146.89 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

146.89 (1) In this section, "volunteer health care provider" means an individual who is licensed as a physician under ch. 448, dentist or dental hygienist under ch. 447, registered nurse, practical nurse or nurse—midwife under ch. 441, optometrist under ch. 449, or physician assistant under ch. 448 or who is certified as a dietitian under subch. V of ch. 448 and who receives no income from the practice of that health care profession or who receives no income from the practice of that health care profession when providing services at the nonprofit agency specified under sub. (3).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	SECTION 5. 146.89 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:		
	146.89 (3m) A volunteer health care provider who is a dentist may provide		
	dental services or a volunteer health care provider who is a dental hygienist may		
	provide dental hygiene services, to persons who are recipients of Medical Assistance,		
	if all of the following apply:		
	(a) The nonprofit agency's fees for these services apply to the recipients and to		
	persons who are not recipients of Medical Assistance.		
	(b) The agency accepts discounted payments, based on ability to pay, from the		
	persons who are not Medical Assistance recipients.		
	(c) The volunteer health care provider is certified under s. 49.45 (2) (a) 11. a.,		
	the department has waived the requirement for certification, or the volunteer health		
	care provider is not required to be certified under s. 49.45 (2) (a) 11. a.		
(END)			