



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Senate Bill 204**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 204 relates to authorizing health benefit purchasing cooperative pilot projects. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill:

1. References to a “defined network plan” throughout the bill are deleted and replaced with references to “insurer.”
2. The health benefit purchasing cooperative would provide health care benefits through a contract with an *insurer* authorized to do business in Wisconsin. Under the bill, the contract was with a *defined network plan*.
3. The premiums would be paid to the health purchasing cooperative by the members of the cooperative; the health purchasing cooperative, in turn, would pay the premiums to the insurer. Under the bill, the enrollee would have paid the premiums directly to the defined network plan.
4. The Commissioner of Insurance would be required to designate, *by order*, five geographic areas where the health purchasing cooperatives will be organized. Under the bill, the commissioner was required to designate the areas *by administrative rule*.

### **Legislative History**

On October 7, 2003, the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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