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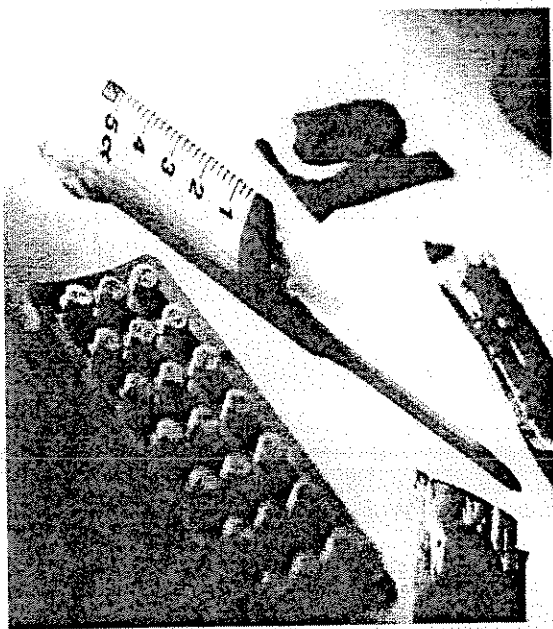
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Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver



What services are covered under the FPW?

- ◆ Pap and Pelvic Exams
- ◆ Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing for females, including HIV
- ◆ Birth Control/Contraceptives:
 - Depo Provera
 - Oral Contraceptives (pills)
 - Condoms
 - Contraceptive Foam & Gel
 - Diaphragms
 - Natural Family Planning - supplies
 - Tubal Ligation
 - IUD
 - Contraceptive Implants
- ◆ Pregnancy Testing
- ◆ Medications (for females only, to treat STDs and vaginal infections)
- ◆ Colposcopy
- ◆ Various lab screening tests

The **Family Planning Waiver (FPW)** provides no cost reproductive health services and contraceptive supplies to income eligible women age 15-44.

2003 SENATE BILL 186

June 3, 2003 - Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 49.45 (24r) of the statutes; **relating to:** a Medical Assistance
2 family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation
3 change.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) must request a waiver from the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for conduct of a demonstration project, under the Medical Assistance Program, to provide family planning services to women aged 15 to 44 whose family incomes do not exceed 185% of the federal poverty line for families the size of the women's families. DHFS must implement the waiver, if granted, by July 1, 1998, or the waiver's effective date, whichever is later.

This bill changes the minimum age requirement, from 15 to 18 years, for eligibility for the Medical Assistance Program demonstration project to provide family planning services to women whose family incomes do not exceed 185% of the federal poverty line for families the size of the women's families.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.26 (2) (f), stats., in support of the action of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules in suspending on April 31, 2003, a revision to chs. HFS 101 to 107, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project, an emergency rule of DHFS. The suspended rule provided for implementation in February 2003 of the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project, under which family planning services would be provided to women aged 15 to 44 whose family incomes do not exceed 185% of the federal poverty line for families the size of the women's families.

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to ask for Parental consent
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Dr. Jone

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Prof. Prasad

HIV - 1 in 3

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- Smoking

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15-17

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kurtz, Hunter
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-----Original Message-----

From: kosborne@midwives.org [mailto:kosborne@midwives.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 10:25 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: public hearing

To: Chairs Roessler and Owens and Committee Members
From: Kathryn Osborne (American College of Nurse Midwives)

First, I would like to apologize for not being able to stay through to the end of the hearing yesterday. I had a previous appointment that didn't allow me to return after the recess that we needed to take.

Second, I made a promise to my patients (who, I might add, as mothers of color who actually meet the income requirements of the Family Planning Waiver, had no public representation yesterday) to get their message to the committees. I invited several of them to join me yesterday, but none of them were able because of work and family commitments. Having left before the conclusion of the hearing, I have felt a terrible sense of letting them down - so this is why I write this morning. I promise to be brief - you have my written testimony which I hope you read - but I just need to add a couple of points.

There was a lot of testimony about how the Waiver displaces the parent-child relationship. You need to know that many, many recipients of benefits from the Waiver seek family planning not only with parental consent, but with parental encouragement as well. I know that you are aware that passage of AB 383 and SB 186 does not change the federal requirement that contraception be available to minors without parental consent. Please remember that what it does do is reduce access to family planning services for some of our most vulnerable 15-17 year olds living in the state of WI - those living in poverty.

It is also important to remember that lots of really great teenagers, from perfectly wonderful families make bad decisions - like the decision to become sexually active. The Waiver acts as a safety net for those teens, helping to prevent an even bigger mistake: teen pregnancy. I've grown weary of seeing so many babies brought into this world by teen parents. In addition to counseling and recommendations for abstinence, I don't know of any other way to prevent more of them than by making family planning services widely available.

Finally, you heard a lot of half-truths yesterday. I am confident that you will check the validity of the things you heard, as you promised during the hearing. Please be sure that all the references you receive (especially from Dr. Meaker) come from refereed journals. Just because a book has been published, doesn't mean it is based on fact.

Thanks for hearing me, and my patients. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have, either by e-mail or by phone.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Osborne (241-5094)

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October 14, 2003

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

April Young
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Madison, WI 53597

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: caches@earthlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 11:33 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: I OPPOSE AB 67!

October 15, 2003

Dear Sen. Roessler,

I am deeply disturbed by Assembly Bill 67, the "Denial of Health Care" bill and want my opposition to this bill counted during the public hearing.

Assembly Bill 67 would allow any doctor, nurse or other health care worker to refuse to administer needed health care to pregnant women! Doctors, and other health care workers, could also refuse to provide referrals for medical services, medication, or prenatal care. Furthermore, AB 67 grants immunity from liability to health care workers who deny these basic health care services, leaving women harmed by such actions without any legal recourse.

Under AB 67, pregnant women with epilepsy could be denied anti-seizure medication; pregnant cancer patients could be denied chemotherapy; prenatal care and tests, such as amniocentesis, can be denied to pregnant women; and advanced directives, such as living wills, can be ignored. It defies common sense why anyone would support a measure that would deny pregnant women access to health care and medication--and then further deny her the right to receive an explanation or referral to alternative medical providers. Compromising women's health and well-being by denying them health care and treating them as second class citizens is not a matter of conscience, it is simply unconscionable.

This bill is intentionally deceptive, and is couched in language such as "conscience clause" and "anti-discrimination." The effect of this bill is to discriminate against patients while simultaneously taking away any legal protections a patient may have when harmed. Please support women's access to basic health care, and oppose a bill that unconscionably threatens the health of Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kurtz, Hunter
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Subject: FW: I OPPOSE SB 186/AB 383!

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Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 1:26 AM
To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
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October 15, 2003

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Sincerely,

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kurtz, Hunter
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 8:43 AM
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From: Kurtz, Hunter
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Email: meom@execpc.com

Contact Date: 10/15/2003

Contact Type:

Summary: oppose AB 383 and SB 186

Issue:

Position:

Description: Called to oppose these bills. She said she represented the LWV.

Status: Pending

Closed Date:

Assigned: Halbur, Jennifer

Owner: Halbur, Jennifer

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Description:

Gudex, Beverly

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Email: bevgudex@charter.net

Contact Date: 10/15/2003**Contact Type:** E-mail**Summary:** SB186**Issue:****Position:****Description:** I printed this to give to CR for TU File
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From: bev gudex [mailto:bevgudex@charter.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 3:59 PM

To: Carol Roessler (Se.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us)

Subject: 2 Items

Good Morning Carol!

Hey, just wanted you to know we don't always disagree. I wish to thank you for your support on SB 71 & SB 72. Folks with mental illness appreciate your foresight.

I hope you are as progressive on SB186. I can't believe WI would want to turn down federal dollars for birth control. Sex has been around since the beginning of mankind and I think it is here to stay. As an elderly RN client of mine used to fondly and loudly say "Sex is a one of the strongest instincts mankind has!" Is there a time and place for sex – sure, but I would much rather have birth control available than pay for abortions and unwanted pregnancies. The sexism of not providing access and payment for birth control blows me away.

Have a great day and I await my white chili bean mix!

Bev Gudex

340 Linden St.

Fond du Lac, 54935

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TO: Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care
Assembly Committee on Family Law

FROM: Kathy Markeland, Associate Director

Kathy Markeland

DATE: October 15, 2003

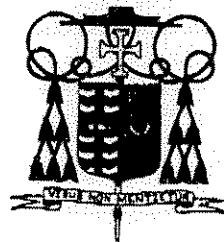
RE: Support for Assembly Bill 383 and Senate Bill 186 – Restricting Minor
Participation in Wisconsin's Family Planning Demonstration Project

Thank you for taking the time yesterday to hear testimony regarding Assembly Bill 383 and Senate Bill 186. The Wisconsin Catholic Conference supports passage of these bills.

Unfortunately, Bishop Robert Morlino of the Diocese of Madison was unable to remain at the hearing yesterday and offer testimony in support of the proposals. For your information, I have attached a copy of his remarks.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Statement By Bishop Morlino

Support for Assembly Bill 383 and Senate Bill 186
Restricting Minor Participation in Wisconsin's Family Planning Demonstration Project

Since 1919, the bishops of the United States have been vocal advocates of the idea that all Americans should enjoy access to affordable health care. As the US Bishops stated in 1993, "Health care is more than a commodity; it is a basic human right, an essential safeguard of human life and dignity." Recognizing that this is a vision of health care that is as yet unrealized, we affirm that Wisconsin does better than most states in providing comprehensive health care for those in need, including pregnant women.

Having said this, we believe that neither abortion nor contraceptive services reflect the respect for human dignity that health care services should be designed to uphold. Wisconsin provides strict restrictions on publicly funded abortions. While Medical Assistance and BadgerCare do currently cover contraceptive services, those services are provided as a portion of a broader scope of primary health care. Therefore, while we consider contraceptive services to be generally outside the scope of "health care," we recognize that MA and BadgerCare reflect society's concern for the poor and marginalized and affirm the state's overall commitment to primary care for these populations.

In addition, our tradition asserts the fundamental role of parents as the first teachers, the first community in which children are taught responsibility, morality and citizenship. Our society depends upon parents to play this role and government should organize itself in such a way that it supports parents in their efforts.

As stated previously, we generally oppose any policy that establishes contraception as a public good. As a people committed to promoting the public good of marriage and family, it is our view that this proposed family planning demonstration project undermines the parent-child relationship and devalues abstinence until marriage.

While we see this project as problematic on moral grounds, opposition to the extension of this program to children need not rest on a denominational argument, for there are other practical reasons to support AB 383 and SB 186.

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Society currently structures many programs and benefits to discourage out of wedlock births and the behaviors that foster them. While adults in our society are legally free to live as they wish and behave as they wish in private personal relationships, the government ought not give its implicit endorsement to conduct that has socially undesirable consequences.

We recognize some will argue that contraception serves to reduce unwanted pregnancies and the social ills that may ensue, including abortion. But we are confronted with the hard truths that broader access to contraception has not served to reduce the abortion rate nor the incidence of children being born to unmarried women. Indeed, oftentimes the opposite has occurred. Thus even on pragmatic grounds government funded access to contraceptives is not successful social policy.

The bills specifically address the impact of this program on minors. Under current law, minors are able to access family planning services and supplies without parental notification or consent. While we recognize that eliminating minors from this particular demonstration project will not change the existing law with regard to notification, we do believe that the inclusion of minors in this program will result in an increase in the number of minors able to access free family planning services without the knowledge of their parents. In fact, the "success" of the demonstration project depends upon increased access among minors.

Religious faith promotes and requires moral conviction. Morality rooted in religious faith leads people to voluntary self-restraint in many areas – such voluntary self-restraint serves the common good and minimizes the restraints that governments must place on citizens – thus such voluntary self-restraint is conducive to lived democracy where governments should minimally restrain citizens in accord with the common good. Without forcing religious faith on anyone, and without preventing anyone from the free exercise of religion, the government would do well to favor the free exercise of religion rather than undermine it directly or indirectly. The free exercise of religion is simply conducive to lived democracy.

Thus, we accept the proposition that the government should not establish a religion. But neither should government subsidize programs that undermine the morality that people of faith, any faith, try to model and pass on to their children.

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From: Asbjornson, Karen
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 2:19 PM
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