



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**LFB 2/16/2005**

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<b>Subject</b> Appropriation changes for senior care, Badger Care, and MA for 2004-05		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The bill would provide \$132,034,000 GPR in 2004-05 to address a projected shortfall in state funding for benefits provided under the medical assistance (MA) program and SeniorCare, Wisconsin's prescription drug assistance program for residents 65 years of age and older. In addition, the bill would reduce, by \$9,500,000 GPR in 2004-05, funding currently budgeted for BadgerCare, Wisconsin's health care program for certain individuals in low-income families with dependent children who are not eligible for MA.

The net effect of the bill would be to increase authorized GPR spending by \$72,534,000 in 2004-05 and to transfer \$50,000,000 in 2004-05 from the general fund to the MA trust fund. Consequently, the bill would reduce the estimated general fund balance by \$122,534,000 in 2004-05.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The bill provides one-time funding from the general fund in 2004-05 to address projected shortfalls in the MA and SeniorCare programs.