

2007 SENATE BILL 326

November 15, 2007 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 49.45 (8m) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating
2 reimbursement rate requirements for certain respiratory care services
3 (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health and Family
4 Services).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law specifies hourly rates of reimbursement to providers of respiratory care services for ventilator-dependent recipients under the Medical Assistance (MA) program.

This bill eliminates the specified hourly rates of MA reimbursement for these respiratory care services.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Health and Family Services and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SENATE BILL 326**1 SECTION 1. 49.45 (8m) of the statutes is repealed.**

NOTE: This bill eliminates a reference to a specific dollar amount for the reimbursement rate under the Medical Assistance Program for respiratory care services. Having this specific reference in the statutes is out of line with the current practice of setting rates for medical assistance providers. These rates are not established in statute, but are based on a maximum allowable cost schedule issued by the Department of Health and Family Services. Rates sought by the department in accordance with this schedule are then given legislative approval, rather than included in the statutes.

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