



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 113**  
[2009 Senate Bill 191]

**Podiatry**

This Act makes the following changes in laws relating to podiatrists:

- Changes the name of the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board to the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board.
- Allows podiatrists to have immunity from civil liability for acts or omissions that occur while rendering voluntary health care to participants in an athletic event or contest at a school.
- Adds podiatrists to the statute relating to privileged communications regarding diagnosis or treatment between a patient and certain specified health care professionals.
- Adds podiatrists to the list of health care providers who may issue recommendations for issuance of hunting permits to disabled persons.
- Adds podiatrists to the list of health care providers that are allowed to certify persons as physically fit to teach driving.
- Includes podiatrists to the list of health care providers (advanced practice nurse prescriber, audiologist, dentist, optometrist, physician, and podiatrist) who, when acting within the scope of the health care provider's license, are allowed to diagnose illness or injury for the purposes of eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs programs.
- Adds podiatrists to the list of health care providers for which a Medical Assistance recipient may have free choice.
- Adds podiatrists to the list of providers that a cooperative providing sickness care to members may contract with.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- Requires life, health, and disability insurers to give equal weight to certifications of disability by podiatrists with respect to matters within the scope of their professional licenses.

***Effective date:*** 2009 Wisconsin Act 113 takes effect on February 26, 2010.

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