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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2009 Assembly Bill 832**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Under current law, a county department of social services or human services (county department) may, under certain circumstances, pay the funeral and burial expenses of a decedent who received certain public assistance programs, including Wisconsin Works and Medical Assistance. ***The county department only pays a reimbursement if the total funeral and burial expenses do not exceed \$3,500.*** If the total funeral and burial expenses do not exceed \$3,500, then the county department shall pay the funeral and burial expenses not paid by the estate and other persons, ***up to \$1,500.***

Under ***2009 Assembly Bill 832*** (the bill), if the total funeral and burial expenses ***do not exceed \$4,500***, then the county department shall pay the funeral and burial expenses not paid by the estate and other persons, up to \$1,500.

The bill first applies to funeral and burial expenses incurred on account of deaths that occurred on the effective date of the bill.

### **Assembly Amendment 1**

***Assembly Amendment 1*** clarifies that the effective date of the bill is January 1, 2011.

### **Legislative History**

On March 11, 2010, Representative Turner introduced 2009 Assembly Bill 832. On March 17, 2010, Representative Turner introduced Assembly Amendment 1. On April 6, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs took executive action. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Absent, 2; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 1; Absent, 2.

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