



2011 SENATE BILL 305

November 23, 2011 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, TAYLOR, CARPENTER, HOLPERIN, WIRCH, C. LARSON, SHILLING, S. COGGS, LASSA and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives PASCH, RICHARDS, BERNARD SCHABER, STASKUNAS, HEBL, GRIGSBY, BERCEAU, HINTZ, MOLEPSKE JR, SEIDEL, BEWLEY, ZEPNICK, STEINBRINK, KESSLER, C. TAYLOR and TURNER. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 49.45 (2) (a) 15m. of the statutes; **relating to:** notice of
2 eligibility and benefit changes in Medical Assistance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the Medical Assistance (MA) program, under which eligible low-income individuals or families receive health care benefits. This bill requires DHS to notify MA recipients, at least 60 days in advance, before implementing any change under MA affecting eligibility or benefits. The notice must be written in clear language that is understandable to laypersons and must describe how the change will affect a recipient.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 49.45 (2) (a) 15m. of the statutes is created to read:
4 49.45 (2) (a) 15m. Beginning on the effective date of this subdivision [LRB
5 inserts date], at least 60 days before implementing any change affecting eligibility
6 for, or a benefit provided under, the Medical Assistance program, notify medical

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1 assistance recipients of the change. The notice must be written in clear language
2 that is understandable to laypersons and must describe how the change will affect
3 a recipient.

4 (END)