



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 127
[2011 Senate Bill 380]

Removing Family Care Cap

2011 Wisconsin Act 32 (the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Act) capped the enrollment in the long-term care programs of Family Care, Family Care Partnership, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and the self-directed services option known as IRIS, in the counties that offer these programs. Act 32 also prohibited Family Care from expanding into new counties. These prohibitions on new long-term care program enrollment and Family Care expansion were to be in effect until June 30, 2013.

2011 Wisconsin Act 127 repealed these prohibitions on new enrollment and expansion.

In addition, Act 127 repealed a provision that required the Department of Health Services (DHS) to notify the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) of any proposed expansion of Family Care, as well as repealing the JFC's 14-day passive review of such a proposed expansion. Instead, Act 127 requires a proposed contract for Family Care expansion to be submitted for JFC approval. The DHS may enter into the Family Care contract only if the JFC approves the proposed contract. In addition, the Act specifies that the procedure under s. 13.10, Stats., does not apply in the case of a proposed Family Care expansion.

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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/>.