

State of Wisconsin



2013 Assembly Bill 459

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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 131

AN ACT *to repeal* 20.435 (5) (ag) and 20.435 (5) (br); and *to create* 20.435 (5) (ag), 20.435 (5) (br) and 46.545 of the statutes; **relating to:** individual placement and support program for employment of individuals experiencing mental illness and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

			2013–14	2014–15
20.435 Health services, department of				
(5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES				
(ag) Operations; individual placement and support	GPR	B	450,000	–0–
(br) Individual placement and support	GPR	B	520,000	–0–

SECTION 2. 20.435 (5) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (5) (ag) *Operations; individual placement and support.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for operating the individual placement and support program under s. 46.545 for employment of individuals experiencing mental illness.

SECTION 3. 20.435 (5) (ag) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 4. 20.435 (5) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (5) (br) *Individual placement and support.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for providing grants for and work incentive benefits counseling for the individual placement and support program under s.

46.545 for employment of individuals experiencing mental illness.

SECTION 5. 20.435 (5) (br) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 6. 46.545 of the statutes is created to read:
46.545 Individual placement and support. (1) (a) The department shall create all of the following regional centers for individual placement and support for employment of individuals experiencing mental illness.

1. A northwestern Wisconsin region.
2. A south–central Wisconsin region.
3. A region consisting of a consortium of counties in northeastern Wisconsin.
4. A region consisting of a consortium of counties in central Wisconsin.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

5. A region consisting of a consortium of counties in southeastern Wisconsin.

(b) The department shall ensure that each county in the state is served by one of the regional centers created under par. (a).

(c) The department may contract with existing organizations or consortiums to create any regional center.

(2) The department shall ensure that each regional center created under sub. (1) (a) has access to the services of all of the following:

(a) An individual placement and support trainer or mentor, who is responsible for the duties required of a trainer or mentor by an evidence-based individual placement and support model of supported employment.

(b) An individual placement and support supervisor who is responsible for the duties required of a supervisor by an evidence-based individual placement and support model of supported employment.

(3) (a) The department shall award grants to county or tribal unit programs or employment sites implementing individual placement and support services or regional centers for any of the following activities:

1. Implementing individual placement and support programs.

2. Offsetting costs until a program is capable of billing the Medical Assistance program for any services covered under the Medical Assistance program.

3. Becoming a provider of vocational rehabilitation services through the department of workforce development.

(b) An applicant for a grant under this subsection shall, in the grant application, identify future sources of possible funding to support the individual placement and support services program.

(4) The department and regional centers shall provide or arrange for work incentive benefits counseling for individuals who are not receiving vocational rehabilitation services from the department of workforce development.

(5) The department shall seek any approval from the federal department of health and human services that is necessary to obtain federal Medicaid matching funds, if

available, for reimbursement of individual placement and support services.

SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT FUNDING.

(a) In the 2013–2015 fiscal biennium, the department of health services shall award grants and provide moneys for individual placement and support as described under section 46.545 of the statutes to be distributed in all of the following allocations:

1. From the appropriation under section 20.435 (5) (ag) of the statutes, as created by this act, support for individual placement and support trainers or mentors and individual placement and support supervisors.

2. From the appropriation under section 20.435 (5) (br) of the statutes, as created by this act, infrastructure pilot grants in the total amount of no more than \$400,000 to be distributed as described in paragraph (b).

3. From the appropriation under section 20.435 (5) (br) of the statutes, as created by this act, work incentive benefits counseling for individuals statewide in the total amount of no more than \$120,000.

(b) The department of health services shall award the grants under paragraph (a) 2. using a graduated outcome or incentive payment schedule including awarding amounts for the satisfaction by the grant applicant of any of the following criteria:

1. Developing a steering committee, completing agreements with the department of workforce development, becoming a vocational rehabilitation service provider, hiring staff, and hosting an event indicating readiness to provide services.

2. Completing the baseline review within the first 6 months of the program.

3. Developing a plan for improvements and achieving a certain percentage, as determined by the department of health services, of employees retained for a full year who are hired under the program.

4. Achieving good fidelity to the evidence-based model.

SECTION 8. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of section 20.435 (5) (ag) and (br) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2015.