

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3648/1	Introduction Number	SB-410	Estimate Type	Original
Description Mental health benefits and reimbursement for mental health services under the Medical Assistance program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the services available and reimburseable under the Medical Assistance (MA) program to include in-home therapy without first showing a failure to succeed in outpatient therapy and telehealth mental health services provided by Wisconsin-licensed physicians even if the physician is located outside the state.

Children in the foster care system and W-2 recipients receive health services through the MA program; for this reason any increased cost related to this bill would be covered by MA funding and therefore addressed in the fiscal note completed by the Department of Health Services. There are no additional costs to the Department of Children and Families under the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications