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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2013 Wisconsin Act 116**  
[December 2013 Special  
Session Assembly Bill 1]

**Medical Assistance and  
HIRSP Coverage**

2013 Wisconsin Act 116 delays by three months the termination of the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP). Pursuant to the Biennial Budget Act, 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, coverage under the plan was scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2013. However, under Act 116, individuals with health insurance policies through HIRSP in effect on December 1, 2013, will be allowed to retain their coverage through **March 31, 2014**.

In addition, Act 116 modifies Medical Assistance (MA) program eligibility standards, so that numerous changes enacted under Act 20, which were to take effect on January 1, 2014, will instead take effect on **April 1, 2014**. These changes include the following provisions, among others:

- Childless adults with household incomes up to 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will become eligible for MA coverage, under the standard plan, subject to certain limitations.
- Parents and caretaker relatives of children under age 19 with incomes between 100% and 200% of the FPL will lose eligibility for MA coverage, and childless adults enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan with incomes between 100% and 200% of the FPL will lose eligibility for coverage under that program.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.