



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 137
[2013 Senate Bill 73]

Workplace Wellness Programs

2013 Wisconsin Act 137 creates a grant program under which a business having 50 or fewer employees may receive reimbursement for up to 30% of the costs the business incurs in a year to establish a workplace wellness program. A workplace wellness program is a health or fitness program that includes health risk assessments and one or more of the following programs or services:

- Chronic disease prevention.
- Weight management.
- Stress management.
- Worker injury prevention programs.
- Health screenings.
- Nutrition education.
- Health or fitness incentive programs.
- Vaccinations.
- Employee physical examinations.

The Act creates a sum sufficient appropriation for the program from the General Fund but limits total expenditures to \$3,000,000 in a fiscal year. An applicant may receive only one grant, and may not receive a grant for a workplace wellness program established before the effective date of the Act. A grant may not include the cost of acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, remodeling, or repairing real property. The program sunsets December 31, 2018.

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>.

The program is administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The Act directs DHS to promulgate rules for the program's administration.

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