



State of Wisconsin  
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**SENATE AMENDMENT 39,  
TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 21**

July 7, 2015 – Offered by Senators MILLER, RISSER, ERPENBACH, VINEHOUT, HARRIS DODD, BEWLEY, RINGHAND, SHILLING, LASSA, HANSEN, L. TAYLOR, C. LARSON, WIRCH and CARPENTER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 447, line 19: delete the material beginning with “but” and ending with  
3 “veteran” on line 20.

4 **2.** Page 447, line 21: after that line insert:

5 “**SECTION 1452a.** 45.40 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 45.40 (2) (a) The department may provide health care aid to a veteran for  
7 dental care, including dentures; vision care, including eyeglass frames and lenses;  
8 and hearing care, including hearing aids; and care related to mental illness or  
9 treatment for substance abuse.

10 **SECTION 1452b.** 45.40 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

11 45.40 (2) (d) The department shall provide a voucher for care related to mental  
12 illness or treatment for substance abuse within 48 hours after a request to the

1 department or through a county veterans service office for such care, including  
2 private and emergency counseling, family and marriage counseling, and suicide  
3 prevention. A veteran or eligible family member is not required to be denied care at  
4 a U.S. department of veterans affairs hospital or clinic or be denied coverage by the  
5 U.S. department of veterans affairs, state medical assistance, or other insurance  
6 before seeking and receiving a voucher under this paragraph.

7 **SECTION 1452c.** 45.40 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

8 45.40 (6) EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY. The eligibility requirements under s. 45.02 (2)  
9 do not apply to a person applying for assistance under this section.”.

10 (END)