



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 127**  
[2015 Assembly Bill 453]

**Family Care and IRIS Expansion to  
Rock County**

2015 Wisconsin Act 127 expands Family Care and IRIS services to Rock County. Specifically, the Act requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to do all of the following for residents of Rock County:

- Contract with a resource center such that its services are available to residents before July 1, 2016.
- Contract with an entity to administer the Family Care benefit as the care management organization (CMO) such that the Family Care benefit is available to residents on July 1, 2016.
- Provide services under IRIS such that services are available to residents on July 1, 2016.

The Act also provides that, for the contract with a CMO, DHS is exempt from soliciting the contract under a competitive sealed proposal process. Additionally, the Act provides that DHS is not required to obtain permission from the Joint Committee on Finance to enter contracts or provide services required by the Act.

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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>.