



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 272**  
[2015 Assembly Bill 786]

**Dementia Crisis Unit Pilot Program  
Proposal**

2015 Wisconsin Act 272 (the Act) requires that the Department of Health Services prepare a proposal for a dementia crisis unit pilot program and specifies that the proposal be submitted to the standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over health, aging, and long-term care, or mental health issues before November 1, 2016.

The Act defines a “dementia crisis unit” as a unit or part of a unit of a public or private facility that is qualified, competent, and equipped to provide diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of dementia and medical, psychiatric, and behavioral care to individuals who have dementia and that provides a therapeutic environment that is appropriate for and designed to prevent harm to individuals who have dementia.

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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>.