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AN ACT to amend 51.422 (title), 51.422 (1) and 51.422 (2) of the statutes; relating to: creating additional opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1c. 51.422 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.422 (title) Opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs.

SECTION 1g. 51.422 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.422 (1) PROGRAM CREATION. The department shall create 2 or 3 new, regional comprehensive opioid treatment programs, and in the 2017−19 fiscal biennium, shall create 2 or 3 additional regional comprehensive opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs, to provide treatment for opioid and opiate addiction and methamphetamine addiction in rural and underserved, high−need areas. The department shall obtain and review proposals for opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs in accordance with its request−for−proposal procedures. A program under this section may not offer methadone treatment.

SECTION 1p. 51.422 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.422 (2) PROGRAM COMPONENTS. An opioid or methamphetamine treatment program created under this section shall offer an assessment to individuals in need of service to determine what type of treatment is needed. The program shall transition individuals to a certified residential program, if that level of treatment is necessary. The program shall provide counseling, medication−assisted treatment, including both long−acting opioid antagonist and partial agonist medications that have been approved by the federal food and drug administration if treating opioid addiction, and abstinence−based treatment. The program shall transition individuals who have completed treatment to county−based or private post−treatment care.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) OPIOID AND METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT PROGRAMS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health services under section 20.435 (5) (bc) of the statutes the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017−18 is increased by $1,000,000 to create additional opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs under section 51.422 of the statutes. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health services under section 20.435 (5) (bc) of the statutes the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018−19 is increased by $1,000,000 to create additional opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs under section 51.422 of the statutes.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”