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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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7 49, the secretary shall calculate the expected state agency savings related to the  
8 avoidance of the fee.

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9 (3) Based on the savings calculated under sub. (2), the secretary shall do one  
10 of the following:

11 (a) In the fiscal biennium in which the savings are calculated, reduce the  
12 estimated general purpose revenue and program revenue expenditures, excluding  
13 tuition and fee moneys from the University of Wisconsin System, for "Compensation  
14 Reserves" shown in the schedule under s. 20.005 (1) by an amount equal to the

1 savings calculated under sub. (2), lapse to the general fund from the general purpose  
 2 revenue appropriations an amount equal to the calculated general purpose revenue  
 3 saved under sub. (2), and transfer to the general fund the related program revenue  
 4 appropriation account balances in an amount equal to the calculated program  
 5 revenue saved under sub. (2).

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related to the savings under sub. (2)

6 (b) In the fiscal biennium following the fiscal biennium in which the savings  
 7 are calculated, adjust state agency employer contributions for state employee fringe  
 8 benefit costs.

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9 SECTION 2. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
 10 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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11 **20.145 Insurance, office of the commissioner of**

12 (5) WISCONSIN HEALTHCARE STABILITY PLAN

13 (b) Reinsurance plan; state subsidy	GPR	S	-0-	50,000,000
14 (m) Federal funds; reinsurance plan	PR-F	C	-0-	150,000,000

15 SECTION 3. 20.145 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

16 20.145 (5) WISCONSIN HEALTHCARE STABILITY PLAN. (b) *Reinsurance plan; state*  
 17 *subsidy.* A sum sufficient for the state subsidy of reinsurance payments for the  
 18 reinsurance program under subch. VII of ch. 601.

19 (k) *Interagency and intra-agency programs; reinsurance plan.* All moneys  
 20 received from other state agencies for the purposes of the healthcare stability plan  
 21 under subch. VII of ch. 601 or for reinsurance.

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 23 government for reinsurance for the purposes for which received.



1           **(3)** “Benefit year” means the calendar year for which an eligible health carrier  
2 provides coverage through an individual health plan.

3           **(4)** “Coinsurance rate” means the rate set under s. 601.83 (2) for the healthcare  
4 stability plan that is the rate at which the commissioner will reimburse an eligible  
5 health carrier for claims incurred for an enrolled individual’s covered benefits in a  
6 benefit year above the attachment point and below the reinsurance cap.

7           **(5)** “Eligible health carrier” means an insurer, as defined in s. 632.745 (15) that  
8 offers an individual health plan and incurs claims costs for an enrolled individual’s  
9 covered benefits in the applicable benefit year.

10           **(6)** “Grandfathered plan” means a health plan in which an individual was  
11 enrolled on March 23, 2010, for as long as it maintains that status in accordance with  
12 the Affordable Care Act.

13           **(7)** “Health benefit plan” has the meaning given in s. 632.745 (11).

14           **(8)** “Healthcare stability plan” means the state-based reinsurance program  
15 known as the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan administered under s. 601.83 (1).

16           **(9)** “Individual health plan” means a health benefit plan that is not a group  
17 health plan, as defined in s. 632.745 (10), or a grandfathered plan.

18           **(10)** “Payment parameters” means the attachment point, reinsurance cap, and  
19 coinsurance rate for the healthcare stability plan.

20           **(12)** “Reinsurance cap” means the threshold amount set under s. 601.83 (2) for  
21 the healthcare stability plan for claims costs incurred by an eligible health carrier  
22 for an enrolled individual’s covered benefits, after which the claims costs for benefits  
23 are no longer eligible for reinsurance payments.

24           **(13)** “Reinsurance payment” means an amount paid by the commissioner to an  
25 eligible health carrier under the healthcare stability plan.

1           **SECTION 7.** 601.83 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **601.83 Healthcare stability plan; administration.** (1) PLAN ESTABLISHED;  
3           GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. (a) Subject to par. (b), the commissioner shall administer  
4           a state-based reinsurance program known as the healthcare stability plan.

5           (b) 1. The commissioner may submit a request to the federal department of  
6           health and human services for one or more waivers under 42 USC 18052 to  
7           implement the healthcare stability plan for benefit years beginning January 1, 2019.  
8           The commissioner may adjust the payment parameters under sub. (2) to the extent  
9           necessary to secure federal approval of the waiver request under this paragraph.

10           2. If the federal department of health and human services does not approve the  
11           healthcare stability plan in the waiver request submitted under subd. 1. or a  
12           substantially similar healthcare stability plan, the commissioner may not  
13           implement the healthcare stability plan.

14           (c) If the federal government enacts into law Senate Bill 1835 of the 115th  
15           Congress or a similar bill providing support to states to establish reinsurance  
16           programs, the commissioner shall seek, if necessary, and receive federal moneys for  
17           the purpose of reinsurance programs that result from that enacted law to expend for  
18           the purposes of this subchapter.

19           (d) In accordance with sub. (5) (c), the commissioner shall collect the data from  
20           an eligible health carrier as necessary to determine reinsurance payments.

21           (e) Beginning on a date determined by the commissioner, the commissioner  
22           shall require each eligible health carrier to calculate the premium amount the  
23           eligible health carrier would have charged for a benefit year if the healthcare  
24           stability plan had not been established and submit the calculated premium amount  
25           as part of its rate filing submitted to the commissioner. The commissioner shall

1 consider the calculated premium amount information provided under this  
2 paragraph as part of the rate filing review.

3 (f) 1. For each applicable benefit year, the commissioner shall notify eligible  
4 health carriers of reinsurance payments to be made for the applicable benefit year  
5 no later than June 30 of the calendar year following the applicable benefit year.

6 2. Quarterly during the applicable benefit year, the commissioner shall provide  
7 each eligible health carrier with the calculation of total amounts of reinsurance  
8 payment requests.

9 3. By August 15 of the calendar year following the applicable benefit year, the  
10 commissioner shall disburse all applicable reinsurance payments to an eligible  
11 health carrier.

12 (g) The commissioner may promulgate any rules necessary to implement the  
13 healthcare stability plan under this section. The commissioner may promulgate  
14 rules necessary to implement this section as emergency rules under s. 227.24.  
15 Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the commissioner is not required to provide  
16 evidence that promulgating a rule under this paragraph as an emergency rule is  
17 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is  
18 not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this  
19 paragraph.

20 (2) PAYMENT PARAMETERS. The commissioner, after consulting with an actuarial  
21 firm, shall design and adjust payment parameters with the goal to do all of the  
22 following:

23 (a) Stabilize or reduce premium rates in the individual market.

24 (b) Increase participation by health carriers in the individual market.



1 (c) Improve access to health care providers and services for individuals  
2 purchasing coverage in the individual market.

3 (d) Mitigate the impact high-risk individuals have on premium rates in the  
4 individual market.

5 (e) Take into account any federal funding available for the plan.

6 (f) Take into account the total amount available to fund the plan.

7 **(3) OPERATION.** (a) The commissioner shall set the payment parameters as  
8 described under sub. (2) by no later than January 30 of the calendar year before the  
9 applicable benefit year or, if the commission specifies a different date by rule, the  
10 date specified by the commissioner by rule.

11 (b) If the amount available for expenditure for the healthcare stability plan is  
12 not anticipated to be adequate to fully fund the payment parameters set under par.

13 (a) as of July 1 of the calendar year before the applicable benefit year, the  
14 commissioner shall adjust the payment parameters in accordance within the moneys  
15 available to expend for the healthcare stability plan. The commissioner shall allow  
16 an eligible health carrier to revise its rate filing based on the final payment  
17 parameters for the applicable benefit year.

18 (c) If funding is not available to make all reinsurance payments to eligible  
19 health carriers in a benefit year, the commissioner shall make reinsurance payments  
20 in proportion to the eligible health carrier's share of aggregate health benefit plan  
21 premiums from residents of this state for all health benefit plans during the given  
22 benefit year, as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify  
23 eligible health carriers if there are insufficient funds available to make reinsurance  
24 payments in full and the estimated amount of payment as soon as practicable after  
25 the commissioner becomes aware of the insufficiency.

1           **(4) REINSURANCE PAYMENT CALCULATION.** (a) The commissioner shall calculate  
2 a reinsurance payment with respect to each eligible health carrier's incurred claims  
3 costs for an enrolled individual's covered benefits in the applicable benefit year. If  
4 the claims costs for an enrolled individual do not exceed the attachment point set  
5 under sub. (2), the commissioner may not make a reinsurance payment with respect  
6 to that enrollee. If the claims costs for an enrolled individual exceed the attachment  
7 point, subject to par. (b), the commissioner shall make a reinsurance payment that  
8 is calculated as the product of the coinsurance rate and whichever of the following  
9 is less:

- 10           1. The claims costs minus the attachment point.
- 11           2. The reinsurance cap minus the attachment point.

12           (b) The commissioner shall ensure that any reinsurance payment made to an  
13 eligible health carrier does not exceed the total amount paid by the eligible health  
14 carrier for any claim. For purposes of this paragraph, the total amount paid of a  
15 claim is the amount paid by the eligible health carrier based upon the allowed  
16 amount less any deductible, coinsurance, or copayment paid by another person as of  
17 the time the data are submitted or made accessible under sub. (5) (c).

18           **(5) REINSURANCE PAYMENT REQUESTS.** (a) An eligible health carrier may request  
19 reinsurance payments from the commissioner when the eligible health carrier meets  
20 the requirements of this subsection and sub. (4).

21           (b) An eligible health carrier shall make any requests for a reinsurance  
22 payment in accordance with any requirements established by the commissioner.

23           (c) Each eligible health carrier shall provide the commissioner with access to  
24 the data within the dedicated data environment established by the eligible health  
25 carrier under the federal risk adjustment program under 42 USC 18063. Each

1 eligible health carrier shall submit to the commissioner attesting to compliance with  
2 the dedicated data environments, data requirements, establishment and usage of  
3 masked enrollee identification numbers, and data submission deadlines.

4 (d) Each eligible health carrier shall provide the access under par. (c) for each  
5 applicable benefit year by April 30 of the calendar year following the end of the  
6 applicable benefit year.

7 (e) Each eligible health carrier shall maintain for at least 6 years documents  
8 and records, by paper, electronic, or other media, sufficient to substantiate a request  
9 for a reinsurance payment made under this section. An eligible health carrier shall  
10 make the documents and records available to the commissioner, upon request, for  
11 purposes of verification, investigation, audit, or other review of a reinsurance  
12 payment request.

13 (f) The commissioner may have an eligible health carrier audited to assess the  
14 health carrier's compliance with the requirements of this section. The eligible health  
15 carrier shall ensure that its contractors, subcontractors, or agents cooperate with  
16 any audit under this paragraph. Within 30 days of receiving notice that an audit  
17 results in a proposed finding of material weakness or significant deficiency with  
18 respect to compliance with any requirement of this section, the eligible health carrier  
19 may provide a response to the proposed finding. Within 60 days of the issuance of  
20 a final audit report that includes a finding of material weakness or significant  
21 deficiency, the eligible health carrier shall do all of the following:

- 22 1. Provide a written corrective action plan to the commissioner for approval.
- 23 2. Implement the corrective action plan under subd. 1. as approved by the  
24 commissioner.

1           3. Provide the commissioner with written documentation of the corrective  
2 action after implementation.

3           (g) The commissioner may recover from an eligible health carrier any  
4 overpayment of reinsurance payments as determined under the audit under par. (f).

5           (h) A health carrier is not eligible to receive a reinsurance payment unless the  
6 health carrier agrees not to bring a lawsuit over any delay in reinsurance payments  
7 or any reduction in reinsurance payments in accordance with sub. (3) (c).

8           **(6) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.** Information submitted by an eligible health carrier  
9 or obtained by the commissioner for purposes of the healthcare stability plan is  
10 proprietary and confidential under s. 601.465.

11           **SECTION 8.** 601.85 of the statutes is created to read:

12           **601.85 Accounting, reports, and audits. (1) ACCOUNTING.** The  
13 commissioner shall keep an accounting for each benefit year of all of the following:

14           (a) Funds appropriated for reinsurance payments and administrative and  
15 operational expenses.

16           (b) Requests for reinsurance payments received from eligible health carriers.

17           (c) Reinsurance payments made to eligible health carriers.

18           (d) Administrative and operational expenses incurred for the healthcare  
19 stability plan.

20           **(2) REPORTS.** By November 1 of the calendar year following the applicable  
21 benefit year or by 60 days following the final disbursement of reinsurance payments  
22 for the applicable benefit year, whichever is later, the commissioner shall make  
23 available to the public a report summarizing the premiums security plan's  
24 operations for each benefit year by posting the summary on the office's Internet site.

1           **(3) LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.** The healthcare stability plan is subject to audit by the  
2 legislative audit bureau. The commissioner shall ensure that its contractors,  
3 subcontractors, or agents cooperate with any audit of the healthcare stability plan  
4 performed by the legislative audit bureau.

5           **(4) REQUIRED RECOMMENDATION REPORT.** By December 31, 2018, the  
6 commissioner shall submit to the governor recommendations on implementing a  
7 waiver under s. 601.83 (1) (b), any possible additional waivers to be requested, and  
8 any other options to stabilize the individual health care market in this state.

9           **SECTION 9.** Subchapter VIII (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.93] of the  
10 statutes is created to read:

11   **CHAPTER 601**

12   **SUBCHAPTER VIII**

13   **FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES**

14           **SECTION 10.** Subchapter VI (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.93] of the  
15 statutes is repealed.

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16           **SECTION 11. Fiscal changes.**

17           **(1) LAPSE FROM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE APPROPRIATION.**  
18 The secretary of health services shall ensure that there is lapsed to the general fund  
19 from the appropriation under section 20.435 (4) (b) of the statutes an amount up to  
20 \$80,000,000, as determined by the secretary of administration.

21   **(END)**

1           INSERT 4-9

2           (4) The secretary may transfer any amounts transferred under sub. (3) (a) ✓  
3 related to the savings under sub. (2) to the appropriation account under s. 20.145 (5) ✓  
4 (k).

5           END INSERT 4-9

6           INSERT 13-16

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7           **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

8           (1) PAYMENT PARAMETERS. For the 2019 benefit year, the commissioner of  
9 insurance shall set as payment parameters for the healthcare stability plan under  
10 subchapter VII of chapter 601 an attachment point of \$50,000, a coinsurance rate of  
11 80 percent, and a reinsurance cap of \$250,000. The commissioner of insurance may  
12 adjust the payment parameters to the extent necessary to secure federal approval  
13 of the waiver request under section 601.83 (1) (b) of the statutes. For subsequent  
14 benefit years, the commissioner of insurance may adjust the payment parameters in  
15 accordance with section 601.83 (2) of the statutes. ✓

16           END INSERT 13-16

## Dodge, Tamara

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**From:** Dombrowski, Cynthia A - DOA  
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**To:** Dodge, Tamara  
**Cc:** Ames, Kyle - DOA  
**Subject:** Edits to Reinsurance LRB 17-5154/P5

Hi Tami –

Can we have a few small edits to the reinsurance draft?

First, we'd like the draft to reference rate(s) instead of premium(s) on P8, the paragraph beginning on line 3.

P 8, beginning line 3: 601.83(1)(e)

(e) Beginning on a date determined by the commissioner, the commissioner shall require each eligible health carrier to calculate the premium amount the eligible health carrier would have charged for a benefit year if the healthcare stability plan had not been established and submit the calculated premium amount as part of its rate filing submitted to the commissioner. The commissioner shall consider the calculated premium amount information provided under this paragraph as part of the rate filing review.

Please change this date to March 30 (P9 line 15)

601.83 (3) OPERATION. (a) The commissioner shall set the payment parameters as described under sub. (2) by no later than January 30 of the calendar year before the....

Please change the reference here from "premiums security plan" to Healthcare Stability plan (P13, line 6).

601.85(2) ...the commissioner shall make available to the public a report summarizing the premiums security plan's operations for each benefit year by posting the summary on the office's Internet site.

Lastly, page 9, line 16 change from commission to commissioner.

Thanks for all of your help, and as always if you have any questions please let us know. Kyle is out of the office today but is checking email. If you need to reach us by phone, please call me at 6-3420.

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8 avoidance of the fee.

9           (3) Based on the savings calculated under sub. (2), the secretary shall do one  
10 or more of the following:

11           (a) In the fiscal biennium in which the savings are calculated, reduce the  
12 estimated general purpose revenue and program revenue expenditures, excluding

1 tuition and fee moneys from the University of Wisconsin System, for “Compensation  
 2 Reserves” shown in the schedule under s. 20.005 (1) by an amount equal to the  
 3 savings calculated under sub. (2), and transfer to the general fund the related  
 4 available balances in program revenue appropriation accounts related to the savings  
 5 under sub. (2) in an amount equal to the calculated program revenue saved under  
 6 sub. (2).

7 (b) In the fiscal biennium following the fiscal biennium in which the savings  
 8 are calculated, adjust state agency employer contributions for state employee fringe  
 9 benefit costs.

10 (4) The secretary may transfer any amounts transferred under sub. (3) (a)  
 11 related to the savings under sub. (2) to the appropriation account under s. 20.145 (5)  
 12 (k).

13 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
 14 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
15	<b>20.145 Insurance, office of the commissioner of</b>				
16	(5) WISCONSIN HEALTHCARE STABILITY PLAN				
17	(b) Reinsurance plan; state subsidy	GPR	S	-0-	50,000,000
18	(m) Federal funds; reinsurance plan	PR-F	C	-0-	150,000,000

19 **SECTION 3.** 20.145 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

20 **20.145 (5) WISCONSIN HEALTHCARE STABILITY PLAN.** (b) *Reinsurance plan; state*  
 21 *subsidy.* A sum sufficient for the state subsidy of reinsurance payments for the  
 22 reinsurance program under subch. VII of ch. 601.

1 (k) *Interagency and intra-agency programs; reinsurance plan.* All moneys  
2 received from other state agencies and all moneys transferred under s. 16.5285 (4)  
3 for the purposes of the healthcare stability plan under subch. VII of ch. 601 or for  
4 reinsurance.

5 (m) *Federal funds; reinsurance plan.* All moneys received from the federal  
6 government for reinsurance for the purposes for which received.

7 **SECTION 4.** 601.45 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **601.45 (1) COSTS TO BE PAID BY EXAMINEES.** The reasonable costs of examinations  
9 and audits under ss. 601.43 and, 601.44, and 601.83 (5) (f) shall be paid by examinees  
10 except as provided in sub. (4), either on the basis of a system of billing for actual  
11 salaries and expenses of examiners and other apportionable expenses, including  
12 office overhead, or by a system of regular annual billings to cover the costs relating  
13 to a group of companies, or a combination of such systems, as the commissioner may  
14 by rule prescribe. Additional funding, if any, shall be governed by s. 601.32. The  
15 commissioner shall schedule annual hearings under s. 601.41 (5) to review current  
16 problems in the area of examinations.

17 **SECTION 5.** Subchapter VII (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.80] of the  
18 statutes is created to read:

19 **CHAPTER 601**

20 **SUBCHAPTER VII**

21 **HEALTHCARE STABILITY PLAN**

22 **SECTION 6.** 601.80 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **601.80 Definitions; healthcare stability plan.** In this subchapter:

24 (1) “Affordable Care Act” means the federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
25 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education

1 Reconciliation Act of 2010, P.L. 111-152, and any amendments to or regulations or  
2 guidance issued under those acts.

3 (2) "Attachment point" means the amount set under s. 601.83 (2) for the  
4 healthcare stability plan that is the threshold amount for claims costs incurred by  
5 an eligible health carrier for an enrolled individual's covered benefits in a benefit  
6 year, beyond which the claims costs are eligible for reinsurance payments.

7 (3) "Benefit year" means the calendar year for which an eligible health carrier  
8 provides coverage through an individual health plan.

9 (4) "Coinsurance rate" means the rate set under s. 601.83 (2) for the healthcare  
10 stability plan that is the rate at which the commissioner will reimburse an eligible  
11 health carrier for claims incurred for an enrolled individual's covered benefits in a  
12 benefit year above the attachment point and below the reinsurance cap.

13 (5) "Eligible health carrier" means an insurer, as defined in s. 632.745 (15) that  
14 offers an individual health plan and incurs claims costs for an enrolled individual's  
15 covered benefits in the applicable benefit year.

16 (6) "Grandfathered plan" means a health plan in which an individual was  
17 enrolled on March 23, 2010, for as long as it maintains that status in accordance with  
18 the Affordable Care Act.

19 (7) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning given in s. 632.745 (11).

20 (8) "Healthcare stability plan" means the state-based reinsurance program  
21 known as the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan administered under s. 601.83 (1).

22 (9) "Individual health plan" means a health benefit plan that is not a group  
23 health plan, as defined in s. 632.745 (10), or a grandfathered plan.

24 (10) "Payment parameters" means the attachment point, reinsurance cap, and  
25 coinsurance rate for the healthcare stability plan.

1           (12) “Reinsurance cap” means the threshold amount set under s. 601.83 (2) for  
2           the healthcare stability plan for claims costs incurred by an eligible health carrier  
3           for an enrolled individual’s covered benefits, after which the claims costs for benefits  
4           are no longer eligible for reinsurance payments.

5           (13) “Reinsurance payment” means an amount paid by the commissioner to an  
6           eligible health carrier under the healthcare stability plan.

7           **SECTION 7.** 601.83 of the statutes is created to read:

8           **601.83 Healthcare stability plan; administration.** (1) PLAN ESTABLISHED;  
9           GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. (a) Subject to par. (b), the commissioner shall administer  
10          a state-based reinsurance program known as the healthcare stability plan.

11          (b) 1. The commissioner may submit a request to the federal department of  
12          health and human services for one or more waivers under 42 USC 18052 to  
13          implement the healthcare stability plan for benefit years beginning January 1, 2019.  
14          The commissioner may adjust the payment parameters under sub. (2) to the extent  
15          necessary to secure federal approval of the waiver request under this paragraph.

16          2. If the federal department of health and human services does not approve the  
17          healthcare stability plan in the waiver request submitted under subd. 1. or a  
18          substantially similar healthcare stability plan, the commissioner may not  
19          implement the healthcare stability plan.

20          (c) If the federal government enacts into law Senate Bill 1835 of the 115th  
21          Congress or a similar bill providing support to states to establish reinsurance  
22          programs, the commissioner shall seek, if necessary, and receive federal moneys for  
23          the purpose of reinsurance programs that result from that enacted law to expend for  
24          the purposes of this subchapter.

1 (d) In accordance with sub. (5) (c), the commissioner shall collect the data from  
2 an eligible health carrier as necessary to determine reinsurance payments.

3 (e) Beginning on a date determined by the commissioner, the commissioner  
4 shall require each eligible health carrier to calculate the <sup>rates</sup> premium amount the  
5 eligible health carrier would have charged for a benefit year if the healthcare  
6 stability plan had not been established and submit the calculated <sup>rates</sup> premium amount  
7 as part of its rate filing submitted to the commissioner. The commissioner shall  
8 consider the calculated <sup>rate</sup> premium amount information provided under this  
9 paragraph as part of the rate filing review.

10 (f) 1. For each applicable benefit year, the commissioner shall notify eligible  
11 health carriers of reinsurance payments to be made for the applicable benefit year  
12 no later than June 30 of the calendar year following the applicable benefit year.

13 2. Quarterly during the applicable benefit year, the commissioner shall provide  
14 each eligible health carrier with the calculation of total amounts of reinsurance  
15 payment requests.

16 3. By August 15 of the calendar year following the applicable benefit year, the  
17 commissioner shall disburse all applicable reinsurance payments to an eligible  
18 health carrier.

19 (g) The commissioner may promulgate any rules necessary to implement the  
20 healthcare stability plan under this section. The commissioner may promulgate  
21 rules necessary to implement this section as emergency rules under s. 227.24.  
22 Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the commissioner is not required to provide  
23 evidence that promulgating a rule under this paragraph as an emergency rule is  
24 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is

1 not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this  
2 paragraph.

3 (2) PAYMENT PARAMETERS. The commissioner, after consulting with an actuarial  
4 firm, shall design and adjust payment parameters with the goal to do all of the  
5 following:

6 (a) Stabilize or reduce premium rates in the individual market.

7 (b) Increase participation by health carriers in the individual market.

8 (c) Improve access to health care providers and services for individuals  
9 purchasing coverage in the individual market.

10 (d) Mitigate the impact high-risk individuals have on premium rates in the  
11 individual market.

12 (e) Take into account any federal funding available for the plan.

13 (f) Take into account the total amount available to fund the plan.

14 (3) OPERATION. (a) The commissioner shall set the payment parameters as  
15 described under sub. (2) by no later than <sup>March</sup> ~~January~~ 30 of the calendar year before the  
16 applicable benefit year or, if the commissioner <sup>er</sup> specifies a different date by rule, the  
17 date specified by the commissioner by rule.

18 (b) If the amount available for expenditure for the healthcare stability plan is  
19 not anticipated to be adequate to fully fund the payment parameters set under par.

20 (a) as of July 1 of the calendar year before the applicable benefit year, the  
21 commissioner shall adjust the payment parameters in accordance within the moneys  
22 available to expend for the healthcare stability plan. The commissioner shall allow  
23 an eligible health carrier to revise its rate filing based on the final payment  
24 parameters for the applicable benefit year.



1 (c) If funding is not available to make all reinsurance payments to eligible  
2 health carriers in a benefit year, the commissioner shall make reinsurance payments  
3 in proportion to the eligible health carrier's share of aggregate health benefit plan  
4 premiums from residents of this state for all health benefit plans during the given  
5 benefit year, as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify  
6 eligible health carriers if there are insufficient funds available to make reinsurance  
7 payments in full and the estimated amount of payment as soon as practicable after  
8 the commissioner becomes aware of the insufficiency.

9 (4) REINSURANCE PAYMENT CALCULATION. (a) The commissioner shall calculate  
10 a reinsurance payment with respect to each eligible health carrier's incurred claims  
11 costs for an enrolled individual's covered benefits in the applicable benefit year. If  
12 the claims costs for an enrolled individual do not exceed the attachment point set  
13 under sub. (2), the commissioner may not make a reinsurance payment with respect  
14 to that enrollee. If the claims costs for an enrolled individual exceed the attachment  
15 point, subject to par. (b), the commissioner shall make a reinsurance payment that  
16 is calculated as the product of the coinsurance rate and whichever of the following  
17 is less:

- 18 1. The claims costs minus the attachment point.
- 19 2. The reinsurance cap minus the attachment point.

20 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that any reinsurance payment made to an  
21 eligible health carrier does not exceed the total amount paid by the eligible health  
22 carrier for any claim. For purposes of this paragraph, the total amount paid of a  
23 claim is the amount paid by the eligible health carrier based upon the allowed  
24 amount less any deductible, coinsurance, or copayment paid by another person as of  
25 the time the data are submitted or made accessible under sub. (5) (c).

1           **(5) REINSURANCE PAYMENT REQUESTS.** (a) An eligible health carrier may request  
2 reinsurance payments from the commissioner when the eligible health carrier meets  
3 the requirements of this subsection and sub. (4).

4           (b) An eligible health carrier shall make any requests for a reinsurance  
5 payment in accordance with any requirements established by the commissioner.

6           (c) Each eligible health carrier shall provide the commissioner with access to  
7 the data within the dedicated data environment established by the eligible health  
8 carrier under the federal risk adjustment program under 42 USC 18063. Each  
9 eligible health carrier shall submit to the commissioner attesting to compliance with  
10 the dedicated data environments, data requirements, establishment and usage of  
11 masked enrollee identification numbers, and data submission deadlines.

12           (d) Each eligible health carrier shall provide the access under par. (c) for each  
13 applicable benefit year by April 30 of the calendar year following the end of the  
14 applicable benefit year.

15           (e) Each eligible health carrier shall maintain for at least 6 years documents  
16 and records, by paper, electronic, or other media, sufficient to substantiate a request  
17 for a reinsurance payment made under this section. An eligible health carrier shall  
18 make the documents and records available to the commissioner, upon request, for  
19 purposes of verification, investigation, audit, or other review of a reinsurance  
20 payment request.

21           (f) The commissioner may have an eligible health carrier audited to assess the  
22 health carrier's compliance with the requirements of this section. The eligible health  
23 carrier shall ensure that its contractors, subcontractors, or agents cooperate with  
24 any audit under this paragraph. Within 30 days of receiving notice that an audit  
25 results in a proposed finding of material weakness or significant deficiency with

1 respect to compliance with any requirement of this section, the eligible health carrier  
2 may provide a response to the proposed finding. Within 60 days of the issuance of  
3 a final audit report that includes a finding of material weakness or significant  
4 deficiency, the eligible health carrier shall do all of the following:

5 1. Provide a written corrective action plan to the commissioner for approval.

6 2. Implement the corrective action plan under subd. 1. as approved by the  
7 commissioner.

8 3. Provide the commissioner with written documentation of the corrective  
9 action after implementation.

10 (g) The commissioner may recover from an eligible health carrier any  
11 overpayment of reinsurance payments as determined under the audit under par. (f).

12 (h) A health carrier is not eligible to receive a reinsurance payment unless the  
13 health carrier agrees not to bring a lawsuit over any delay in reinsurance payments  
14 or any reduction in reinsurance payments in accordance with sub. (3) (c).

15 **(6) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.** Information submitted by an eligible health carrier  
16 or obtained by the commissioner for purposes of the healthcare stability plan is  
17 proprietary and confidential under s. 601.465.

18 **SECTION 8.** 601.85 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **601.85 Accounting, reports, and audits. (1) ACCOUNTING.** The  
20 commissioner shall keep an accounting for each benefit year of all of the following:

21 (a) Funds appropriated for reinsurance payments and administrative and  
22 operational expenses.

23 (b) Requests for reinsurance payments received from eligible health carriers.

24 (c) Reinsurance payments made to eligible health carriers.

1 (d) Administrative and operational expenses incurred for the healthcare  
2 stability plan. *healthcare stability*

3 (2) REPORTS. By November 1 of the calendar year following the applicable  
4 benefit year or by 60 days following the final disbursement of reinsurance payments  
5 for the applicable benefit year, whichever is later, the commissioner shall make  
6 available to the public a report summarizing the premiums security plan's  
7 operations for each benefit year by posting the summary on the office's Internet site.

8 (3) LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR. The healthcare stability plan is subject to audit by the  
9 legislative audit bureau. The commissioner shall ensure that its contractors,  
10 subcontractors, or agents cooperate with any audit of the healthcare stability plan  
11 performed by the legislative audit bureau.

12 (4) REQUIRED RECOMMENDATION REPORT. By December 31, 2018, the  
13 commissioner shall submit to the governor recommendations on implementing a  
14 waiver under s. 601.83 (1) (b), any possible additional waivers to be requested, and  
15 any other options to stabilize the individual health care market in this state.

16 **SECTION 9.** Subchapter VIII (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.93] of the  
17 statutes is created to read:

18 **CHAPTER 601**

19 **SUBCHAPTER VIII**

20 **FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES**

21 **SECTION 10.** Subchapter VI (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.93] of the  
22 statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 11. Nonstatutory provisions.**

24 (1) PAYMENT PARAMETERS. For the 2019 benefit year, the commissioner of  
25 insurance shall set as payment parameters for the healthcare stability plan under

1 subchapter VII of chapter 601 an attachment point of \$50,000, a coinsurance rate of  
2 between 50 and 80 percent, and a reinsurance cap of \$250,000. The commissioner  
3 of insurance may adjust the payment parameters to the extent necessary to secure  
4 federal approval of the waiver request under section 601.83 (1) (b) of the statutes. For  
5 subsequent benefit years, the commissioner of insurance may adjust the payment  
6 parameters in accordance with section 601.83 (2) of the statutes.

7 **SECTION 12. Fiscal changes.**

8 (1) LAPSE FROM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE APPROPRIATION.

9 The secretary of health services shall ensure that there is lapsed to the general fund  
10 from the appropriation under section 20.435 (4) (b) of the statutes an amount up to  
11 \$80,000,000, as determined by the secretary of administration.

12 (END)

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Hi Tami –

Can we have LRB 17-5154/P6 related to the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan redrafted as a /1 and have it jacketed? Thanks for your help with this.

As always, please let me know if there are questions/concerns.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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2 *amend* 601.45 (1); and *to create* 16.5285, 20.145 (5), subchapter VII (title) of  
3 chapter 601 [precedes 601.80], 601.80, 601.83, 601.85 and subchapter VIII  
4 (title) of chapter 601 [precedes 601.93] of the statutes; **relating to:** Wisconsin  
5 Healthcare Stability Plan, reinsurance of health carriers, reallocating savings  
6 from health insurer fee, providing an exemption from emergency rule  
7 procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill creates the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan (WIHSP), which is a state-based reinsurance program for health carriers, subject to the approval of a waiver of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. WIHSP makes a reinsurance payment to a health carrier if the claims for an individual who is enrolled in a health benefit plan of the carrier exceed a threshold amount, known as the attachment point, in a benefit year. The commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance in this state administers WIHSP. After consulting with an actuarial firm, the commissioner sets the payment parameters for the reinsurance payment as specified under the bill. In addition to the attachment point, the other payment parameters are the reinsurance cap, which is the maximum amount of claims eligible for a reinsurance payment, and the coinsurance rate, which

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