



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 26
[January 2017 Special Session
Assembly Bill 7]

**Graduate Training in an
Addiction Specialty**

Current law requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to distribute grants to hospitals to fund accredited graduate medical training programs. 2017 Wisconsin Act 26 appropriates additional funds of \$63,000 for fiscal year 2017-18, and the same amount for fiscal year 2018-19, to support graduate fellowships in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry. As a requirement of receiving a grant of funds appropriated under the Act, a hospital must expand fellowship positions in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry for physicians practicing family medicine, general internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, or psychiatry. Subject to the requirements specified in the Act, DHS is authorized to use the funds appropriated under the Act to award grants to hospitals, as follows:

- Under an existing grant program aimed at rural hospitals, for the development of addiction specialist training programs at such hospitals; or
- Under an existing grant program aimed at hospitals, generally, to increase the number of physicians trained in an addiction specialty.

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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>.