



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 27
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Assembly Bill 8]

**Opioid and Methamphetamine
Treatment Programs**

Current law requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create two or three regional comprehensive treatment programs, to provide treatment for opiate addiction in rural and underserved, high-need areas. 2017 Wisconsin Act 27 requires DHS to create two or three additional regional comprehensive treatment programs, to provide treatment for opioid addiction and methamphetamine addiction. The Act appropriates funds of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2017-18, and the same amount for fiscal year 2018-19, to create the additional programs. As under the prior programs, treatment must include certain components specified in the statutes, and must be provided in underserved, high-need areas. Unlike the prior programs, the Act does not require the additional programs to provide treatment in rural areas.

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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>.