October 10, 2017 - Introduced by Representative Nygren, cosponsored by Senator Vukmir. Referred to Committee on Health.

AN ACT to amend 49.46 (2) (a) 4. (intro.), 49.46 (2) (b) 6. (intro.) and 49.46 (2) (b) 6. g. of the statutes; relating to: requirements for certain services covered under the Medical Assistance program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill specifies that certain services may be covered by the Medical Assistance program if prescribed or ordered by a provider acting within the scope of the provider’s practice under laws that govern the provider’s practice. The federally mandated benefits affected by this change are certain skilled nursing home services; federally mandated benefits provided by a hospital on an outpatient basis; home health services; laboratory and X-ray services; and services and supplies for family planning. Other services affected by this change are intermediate care facility services; physical and occupational therapy; speech, hearing, and language disorder services; medical supplies and equipment; certain services for patients of any institution for mental diseases; nursing services; legend and over-the-counter drugs; personal care services; certain mental health rehabilitative and psychosocial services; community recovery services; and respiratory care services for ventilator-dependent individuals. The Medical Assistance program is a joint federal and state program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources.
For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 49.46 (2) (a) 4. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.46 (2) (a) 4. (intro.) The following medical services if prescribed by a physician or ordered by a provider acting within the scope of the provider’s practice under statutes, rules, or regulations that govern the provider’s practice:

SECTION 2. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.46 (2) (b) 6. (intro.) The following services that, other than under subd. 6. f., fm., k., and Lr., are prescribed by a physician or ordered by a provider acting within the scope of the provider’s practice under statutes, rules, or regulations that govern the provider’s practice:

SECTION 3. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. g. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.46 (2) (b) 6. g. Nursing services, including services performed by a nurse practitioner, as defined in rules that the department shall promulgate.

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