

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST**Assembly Amendment (AA-AB633)**For: **Mark Born (608) 266-2540**Drafter: **tdodge**By: **Nicole**Secondary Drafters: **swalkenh**Date: **12/16/2019**

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Submit via email: **YES**Requester's email: **Rep.Born@legis.wisconsin.gov**Carbon copy (CC) to: **tamara.dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov****sarah.walkenhorstbarber@legis.wisconsin.gov**

Pre Topic:

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Topic:

Require DHS to establish criteria for reimbursement of counties for transport provided by third-party vendors

Instructions:

See attached

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Dodge, Tamara

From: Borgerding, Nicole
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Dodge, Tamara
Subject: Fwd: Suggestions for AB633 process

Hi Tami,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

Wanted to forward you the below email this evening for you to have first thing tomorrow morning. We are looking at an amendment for AB 633, detailed below.

The executive session is on Tuesday at 10 so unfortunately we are on a compressed timeline in order to make the 24 hour rule. I will reach out in the morning.

Thanks much in advance,

Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Borgerding, Nicole" <Nicole.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: December 13, 2019 at 4:24:31 PM CST
To: "Hall, Steve" <Steve.Hall@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Suggestions for AB633 process

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Hi Steve,

Thanks for taking my call.

As I mentioned, we're looking to possibly amend AB 633 after conversations Caty McDermott (sheriffs) had with Barbara (Disability Rights Wisconsin). The amendment would really focus on third party providers and counties who seek MA reimbursement when using third party providers as transports, a lot of the concerns that the democrats raised in committee.

The amendment would direct DHS, through most likely a non-stat, when seeking MA reimbursement to establish credentials for third party providers who would be contracted for emergency detention transports. These credentials would only apply to third party vendors.

Like I said, the drafter is out of the office today but I will be giving her a heads up on this and have her get something in the works first thing Monday AM. Please let me know if you have anymore specific questions or once you know whether or not Rep. Tittl has any concerns.

Thanks and have a great rest of your weekend.

Nicole

From: Borgerding, Nicole
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Larson, Brian
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Date: December 13, 2019 at 2:50:29 PM CST

To: "Borgerding, Nicole" <Nicole.Borgerding@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Suggestions for AB633 process

Nicole,

Here is another email.

Steve

From: Barbara Beckert <Barbara.Beckert@drwi.org>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Rep.Tittl <Rep.Tittl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hall, Steve <Steve.Hall@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: [Possible SPAM] suggestions for AB633 process
Importance: Low

Dear Representative Tittl,

Thank you very much for your consideration of our comments regarding AB633, Transport for Emergency Detention. You have been a leader on improving access to services for people with mental illness and we are grateful for your dedicated work. In that spirit we wanted to share with you our hope that the process for execing AB633 might slow down to consider some opportunities to strengthen the bill.

We appreciate the intent of AB633's sponsors and see the potential for the bill to decriminalize the Emergency Detention process. If Wisconsin is going to expand the use of transport companies to transport children, adults and elders, experiencing a mental health crisis, it is an important opportunity to ensure this is done in a manner that is humane, trauma informed, and safe for all parties. In addition, it should leverage the opportunity to do so in a fiscally responsible manner by structuring the proposal in a manner that will make it possible to draw down Medicaid revenue. This could be addressed by adding language to the bill to authorize DHS, as an administrative agency, to develop the criteria for transport providers, which could be in regulation and somewhat easier to update (rather than including the detail in the bill). This would then require some sort of certification process to show that the provider has met the criteria, and would make it possible for Wisconsin to treat transportation to a psychiatric facility as a type of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) reimbursable by Medicaid, which could significantly reduce the cost.

By providing the certification process for providers and having defined standards, you could truly move Wisconsin forward by decriminalizing the transport process, establishing standards to ensure it is conducted in a manner that is humane, safe and accountable, and as well as eligible to draw down Medicaid revenue. Based on our quick review, both Minnesota and Virginia have this type of model in place and could be a resource as Wisconsin to consider and learn from.

Thank you so much for your consideration and please let me know if we can be a resource in any way.

All the best,

Barbara

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TO ASSEMBLY BILL 633**

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