AN ACT relating to: requiring pediatricians and pediatric specialists to view presentations about neuroimmune disorders in children.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each physician who specializes in general pediatrics or a pediatric specialty to view not less than two hours of live presentations or webinars about neuroimmune disorders in children, including pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autoimmune encephalitis, by January 1, 2022. Also, under the bill, the Department of Health Services must consult with the Medical Examining Board to designate live presentations and webinars about child neuroimmune disorders, must designate the dates on which the live presentations and webinars will be held, and must make information about the presentations and webinars available on its Internet site. The bill requires that the live presentations and webinars that DHS designates must be approved by the examining board as satisfying continuing education requirements for physicians.

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. Nonstatutory provisions.
(1) Education on neuroimmune disorders in children required for pediatricians and pediatric specialists. By January 1, 2022, each physician who specializes in general pediatrics or a pediatric specialty on the effective date of this subsection shall view not less than 2 hours of live presentations or webinars designated by the department of health services about neuroimmune disorders in children, including pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autoimmune encephalitis. In designating a live presentation and webinar about neuroimmune disorders in children under this subsection, the department of health services shall consult with the medical examining board, and may not designate a live presentation or webinar under this subsection unless the medical examining board approves the presentation or webinar as a continuing education program or course of study that satisfies the requirement under s. 448.13 (1) (a) 1. The department of health services shall designate several dates during both 2020 and 2021 for the live presentations and webinars about neuroimmune disorders in children under this subsection to be held and shall make information about the live presentations and webinars available on its Internet site.

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