

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-4821/1	Introduction Number AB-0696	
Description dentists' services for pregnant persons under the Medical Assistance program		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, Wisconsin Medicaid provides a comprehensive dental benefit for members, including those who are pregnant. There is no current requirement in place within the Medicaid program for health care providers to refer Medicaid members to dental providers to receive services.

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to ensure that Medicaid members who are pregnant and are referred for dentists' services by a health care provider have the opportunity be seen by the referred dentist within 60 days of the date of referral, including Medicaid members who become pregnant after the date of referral but prior to an appointment with the referred dentist.

The bill could conceivably lead to an increase in utilization of Medicaid dental services. However, it is unknown to what extent health care providers are currently referring Medicaid members to dental service providers, and for those referrals that do occur, it is also unknown how often such referrals result in a period longer than 60 days between date of referral and the scheduled appointment. Due to a lack of information by which to determine potential effects, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications