

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-4979/1	Introduction Number SB-668
Description reimbursement of maternal mental health screenings under the Medical Assistance program and coverage of maternal mental health screenings by health policies and plans	
Fiscal Effect	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives**DHS 1/27/2022**

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Wisconsin Medicaid program covers maternal mental health screenings. These screenings are not subject to service limitations or prior authorization requirements that apply to other mental health services. The screenings are currently available up to 60 days postpartum.

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to request a federal waiver or implement a state plan amendment, as necessary, to allow reimbursement for maternal mental health screenings under the Wisconsin Medicaid program. The bill also directs the Department to develop standards and best practices for maternal mental health screenings in consultation with organizations that work to improve maternal mental health and that are led by Black persons, Indigenous persons, or people of color. The bill also requires private health insurance policies and self-insured governmental health plans to cover maternal mental health screenings.

Because the Wisconsin Medicaid program already covers maternal mental health screenings, the Department projects no ongoing fiscal impact associated with this bill. The requirement to develop standards and best practices would create workload for the Department. An estimated \$100,000 All Funds (\$50,000 GPR) in one time funding would be needed to support the cost of contract staff to perform the work.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications