

Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

## Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>21-4980/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-670</b>
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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <b>State:</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate  <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations         </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues         </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs         </div> </div> <b>Local:</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate  <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 50%;">           1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory            2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory         </div> <div style="width: 50%;">           3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory            4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory         </div> </div> </div> <div style="width: 33%;">           5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns  <input type="checkbox"/> Counties  <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts           </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Village  <input type="checkbox"/> Others  <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts           </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cities           </div> </div> </div> </div>	
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives****DHS 1/3/2022**

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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**