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2021 SENATE BILL 8

January 15, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Wanggaard, Ballweg, Bradley, Cowles, Felzkowski, Jacque, Kooyenga, Marklein, Nass and Testin, cosponsored by Representative James. Referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families.

AN ACT relating to: distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Department of Health Services is directing the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations in sequential phases according to vaccine prioritization guidelines from the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. This bill directs DHS not to prioritize an incarcerated person for vaccination before the individual would otherwise be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination under the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine. Further, this bill directs DHS not to prioritize incarcerated persons within an allocation phase.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 2 Section 1. Nonstatutory provisions.
 - (1) COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION TO INCARCERATED PERSONS.
 - (a) In this section, "COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan" means the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine published by the federal department of health and human services.

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(b) The department of health services may not, in implementing the COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, allocate or distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to an incarcerated person before beginning the allocation phase in which the individual would otherwise receive the COVID-19 vaccination under the COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan. The department of health services may not prioritize incarcerated persons within an allocation phase.

7 (END)