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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposal would allow a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense certain types of hormonal contraceptives. Under the bill, the Pharmacy Examining Board after consulting with several agencies, including the Department, to promulgate rules to establish procedures for the prescription of contraceptives by pharmacists. In addition, the Department would be required to ensure that contraceptives services covered under current prescribing practices would also be covered by updated prescribing practices. These responsibilities would have no fiscal effect for the Department.

Under current law, Medicaid members have a prescription drug benefit, which includes required coverage of contraception products that meet federal requirements to be considered a covered outpatient drug. Covered outpatient drugs are those treated as prescribed drugs for the purposes of § 1905(a)(12) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396d[a][12]) and meet the definition of a covered outpatient drug as found in 42 C.F.R. § 447.502. Also under current law at s. 49.46(2)(bh), enacted by 2021 Wisconsin Act 98, Wisconsin Medicaid is required to enroll pharmacists as a provider type and reimburse pharmacists for services provided within the scope of their practice and for services delegated by a physician.

The provisions of this bill generally expand Wisconsin pharmacists' scope of practice to include prescribing authority for contraception products, and specifically requires the Wisconsin Medicaid program to certify pharmacists as Medicaid service providers who can prescribe hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives and to provide Medicaid reimbursement for such services. Medicaid-enrolled pharmacists could both prescribe and dispense Medicaid-eligible contraception products under s. 49.46(2)(bh).

The Department anticipates adding pharmacist prescribing authority for contraceptives would increase Medicaid enrollees' access to these medications; however, the level of increased access is unknown, and therefore the fiscal estimate for this bill, as it relates to Medicaid program costs, is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications