



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> reimbursement of emergency services under the Medical Assistance program when a patient is not transported, reporting on changes to the scope of practice of emergency medical responders and emergency medical services practitioners, and eligibility for the expenditure restraint incentive program					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill directs the Department to increase the maximum allowable Medicaid reimbursement rate for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code A0998 with a description of 'ambulance response and treatment, no transport services' to the maximum allowable rate for reimbursement of services provided under HCPCS code A0429 with a description of 'ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (bls-emergency)'.

Under current policy, the maximum allowable Medicaid reimbursement rate for A0998 is \$69.00. The Wisconsin Medicaid program reimburses a range of ambulance services that include patient transport. These services include advance life support emergency and non-emergency transport, basic life support emergency and non-emergency transport, and air transport services. This bill directs the Department to reimburse A0998 at a rate that matches the maximum allowable rate for A0429, which is currently \$371.51.

Using state fiscal year 2024 utilization data, annualized costs under current reimbursement policy for ambulance response and treatment, no transport services are approximately \$1.04 million AF (\$0.4 million GPR). It is estimated that total annualized costs for repriced SFY24 utilization using the A0429 rate are approximately \$5.6 million AF (\$2.2 million GPR). The Department estimates that the total fiscal impact of this bill on the Medicaid program would be \$4.5 million AF (\$1.8 million GPR and \$2.7 million FED) on an annualized basis.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications