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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 815**

March 7, 2000 - Offered by Representatives WIECKERT, KRUSICK, PETTIS, HUBER, HUNDERTMARK, MEYER, UNDERHEIM, PETROWSKI, RHOADES, TOWNSEND, KELSO, KESTELL, HANDRICK, URBAN, JESKEWITZ, OLSEN, SPILLNER, WAUKAU, M. LEHMAN, HUEBSCH, FREESE, HOVEN, LADWIG, MONTGOMERY and MILLER.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 49.47 (4) (b) 2m. b., 49.47 (4) (b) 2r., 49.47 (4) (b) 2w., 49.47 (4)  
2           (b) 3., 49.47 (4) (c) 1., 49.47 (4) (c) 3. and 49.47 (4) (i) 2. (intro.); and **to create**  
3           20.435 (4) (bv), 20.435 (4) (j), 20.435 (4) (jb), 49.45 (48), 49.47 (4) (aq) and 49.688  
4           of the statutes; **relating to:** expanding medical assistance income eligibility  
5           requirements for elderly persons; requiring pharmacies and pharmacists, as a  
6           condition of medical assistance participation, to charge elderly, low-income  
7           persons for prescription drugs no more than specific amounts; authorizing the  
8           department of health and family services to enter into rebate agreements with  
9           drug manufacturers; limiting prior authorization requirements under medical  
10          assistance; and making appropriations.

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

11       **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (4) (bv) of the statutes is created to read:

1           20.435 (4) (bv) *Prescription drug assistance for elderly; aids.* The amounts in  
2 the schedule for payment to pharmacies and pharmacists under s. 49.688 (8) for  
3 prescription drug assistance for elderly persons.

4           **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (4) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

5           20.435 (4) (j) *Prescription drug assistance for elderly; manufacturer rebates.*  
6 All moneys received from rebate payments by manufacturers under s. 49.688 (7), to  
7 be used for payment to pharmacies and pharmacists under s. 49.688 (8) for  
8 prescription drug assistance for elderly persons.

9           **SECTION 3.** 20.435 (4) (jb) of the statutes is created to read:

10           20.435 (4) (jb) *Prescription drug assistance for elderly; enrollment fees.* All  
11 moneys received from payment of enrollment fees under s. 49.688 (2), to be used for  
12 administration of the program under s. 49.688.

13           **SECTION 4.** 49.45 (48) of the statutes is created to read:

14           49.45 (48) **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGEND DRUGS.** After June 30, 2001, and  
15 before July 1, 2003, if a manufacturer enters into a rebate agreement under s. 49.688  
16 (7), the department may not expand the prior authorization requirements for  
17 prescription drugs manufactured by the manufacturer for which coverage is  
18 provided under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. h. beyond those prior authorization requirements  
19 that are in effect on July 1, 2001.

20           **SECTION 5.** 49.47 (4) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

21           49.47 (4) (aq) 1. Subject to subd. 2., an individual who does not meet the  
22 limitation on income under par. (c) is eligible for medical assistance if the individual  
23 is 65 years of age or older and the individual's income does not exceed 100% of the  
24 federal poverty level.

1           2. If a federal waiver is necessary to provide medical assistance to individuals  
2 specified in subd. 1., the department shall request a waiver from the secretary of the  
3 federal department of health and human services before providing medical  
4 assistance under this paragraph.

5           **SECTION 6.** 49.47 (4) (b) 2m. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

6           49.47 (4) (b) 2m. b. For persons who are eligible under par. (a) ~~3. or 4.~~ or (aq),  
7 motor vehicles are exempt from consideration as an asset to the same extent as  
8 provided under 42 USC 1381 to 1385.

9           **SECTION 7.** 49.47 (4) (b) 2r. of the statutes is amended to read:

10          49.47 (4) (b) 2r. For a person who is eligible under par. (a) ~~3. or 4.~~ or (aq), the  
11 value of any burial space or agreement representing the purchase of a burial space  
12 held for the purpose of providing a place for the burial of the person or any member  
13 of his or her immediate family.

14          **SECTION 8.** 49.47 (4) (b) 2w. of the statutes is amended to read:

15          49.47 (4) (b) 2w. For a person who is eligible under par. (a) ~~3. or 4.~~ or (aq), life  
16 insurance with cash surrender values if the total face value of all life insurance  
17 policies is not more than \$1,500.

18          **SECTION 9.** 49.47 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

19          49.47 (4) (b) 3. For a person who is eligible under par. (a) ~~3. or 4.~~ or (aq), funds  
20 set aside to meet the burial and related expenses of the person and his or her spouse  
21 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 each, minus the sum of the cash value of any life  
22 insurance excluded under subd. 2w. and the amount in any irrevocable burial trust  
23 under s. 445.125 (1) (a).

24          **SECTION 10.** 49.47 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           49.47 (4) (c) 1. Except as provided in ~~par. pars.~~ (am) and (aq) and as limited by  
2           subd. 3., eligibility exists if income does not exceed 133 1/3% of the maximum aid to  
3           families with dependent children payment under s. 49.19 (11) for the applicant's  
4           family size or the combined benefit amount available under supplemental security  
5           income under 42 USC 1381 to 1383c and state supplemental aid under s. 49.77  
6           whichever is higher. In this subdivision "income" includes earned or unearned  
7           income that would be included in determining eligibility for the individual or family  
8           under s. 49.19 or 49.77, or for the aged, blind or disabled under 42 USC 1381 to 1385.  
9           "Income" does not include earned or unearned income which would be excluded in  
10          determining eligibility for the individual or family under s. 49.19 or 49.77, or for the  
11          aged, blind or disabled individual under 42 USC 1381 to 1385.

12          **SECTION 11.** 49.47 (4) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13          49.47 (4) (c) 3. Except as provided in ~~par. pars.~~ (am) and (aq), no person is  
14          eligible for medical assistance under this section if the person's income exceeds the  
15          maximum income levels that the U.S. department of health and human services sets  
16          for federal financial participation under 42 USC 1396b (f).

17          **SECTION 12.** 49.47 (4) (i) 2. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18          49.47 (4) (i) 2. (intro.) Notwithstanding par. (b) 2r. and 3., a person who is  
19          described in par. (a) ~~3. or 4.~~ or (aq) is not eligible for benefits under this section if any  
20          of the following criteria is met:

21          **SECTION 13.** 49.688 of the statutes is created to read:

22          **49.688 Prescription drug assistance for low-income elderly persons.**

23          **(1)** In this section:

24          (a) "Generic name" has the meaning given in s. 450.12 (1) (b).

1 (b) "Prescription drug" means a prescription drug, as defined in s. 450.01 (20),  
2 that is included in the drugs specified under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. h. and that is  
3 manufactured by a manufacturer that enters into a rebate agreement in force under  
4 sub. (7).

5 (c) "Prescription order" has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (21).

6 **(2)** A person who is a resident, as defined in s. 27.01 (10) (a), of this state, who  
7 is at least 65 years of age, who is ineligible for medical assistance, whose income does  
8 not exceed 185% of the poverty line and who pays the program enrollment fee  
9 specified in sub. (3) (a) is eligible to purchase a prescription drug at the amounts  
10 specified in sub. (6) (b). The person may apply to the department, on a form provided  
11 by the department together with program enrollment fee payment, for a  
12 determination of eligibility and issuance of a prescription drug card for purchase of  
13 prescription drugs under this section.

14 **(3)** Program participants shall pay all of the following:

15 (a) Annually, a program enrollment fee of \$25.

16 (b) Annually, a deductible of \$840.

17 (c) After payment of the deductible under par. (b), all of the following:

18 1. A copayment of \$10 for each prescription drug that bears only a generic  
19 name.

20 2. A copayment of \$20 for each prescription drug that does not bear only a  
21 generic name.

22 **(4)** The department shall devise and distribute a form for application for the  
23 program under sub. (2), shall determine eligibility of applicants and shall issue to  
24 eligible persons a prescription drug card for use in purchasing prescription drugs, as  
25 specified in sub. (5).

1           **(5)** Beginning July 1, 2001, as a condition of participation by a pharmacy or  
2 pharmacist in the program under ss. 49.45, 49.46 or 49.47, the pharmacy or  
3 pharmacist may not charge a person who presents a valid prescription order and a  
4 card indicating that he or she meets eligibility requirements under sub. (2) an  
5 amount for a prescription drug under the order that exceeds the amounts specified  
6 in sub. (6) (b).

7           **(6)** (a) The charge for a prescription drug shall be calculated at the average  
8 wholesale price minus 5% or the maximum allowable cost, as determined by the  
9 department, whichever is less.

10           (b) The amounts that a pharmacy or pharmacist may charge a person specified  
11 in sub. (2) in a calendar year period for a prescription drug are the following:

12           1. If applicable, a deductible, as specified in sub. (3) (b), for a prescription drug  
13 that is charged at the rate specified in par. (a), plus a dispensing fee that is equal to  
14 the dispensing fee permitted to be charged for prescription drugs for which coverage  
15 is provided under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. h.

16           2. After the deductible under subd. 1. is charged, the copayment, as applicable,  
17 that is specified in sub. (3) (c) 1. or 2.

18           (c) The department shall calculate and transmit to pharmacies and  
19 pharmacists that are certified providers of medical assistance amounts that may be  
20 used in calculating charges under par. (a). The department shall periodically update  
21 this information and transmit the updated amounts to pharmacies and pharmacists.

22           **(7)** The department or an entity with which the department contracts may  
23 enter into a rebate agreement that is modeled on the rebate agreement specified  
24 under 42 USC 1396r-8 with a drug manufacturer that sells drugs for prescribed use

1 in this state. The rebate agreement, if negotiated, shall include all of the following  
2 as requirements:

3 (a) That the manufacturer shall make rebate payments for each prescription  
4 drug of the manufacturer that is prescribed for persons who are eligible under sub.  
5 (2), to the state treasurer to be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (j),  
6 each calendar quarter or according to a schedule established by the department.

7 (b) That the amount of the rebate payment shall be determined by a method  
8 specified in 42 USC 1396r-8 (c).

9 (8) From the appropriation accounts under s. 20.435 (4) (bv) and (j), beginning  
10 July 1, 2001, the department shall provide to pharmacies and pharmacists  
11 payments, under a schedule that is identical to that used by the department for  
12 payment of pharmacy provider claims under medical assistance, that correspond to  
13 the amounts charged by the pharmacies and pharmacists to persons who meet  
14 criteria for eligibility under sub. (2) for a prescription drug at the rate specified in  
15 sub. (6) (a), minus the amount of a copayment charged under sub. (6) (b) 2., plus a  
16 dispensing fee, as specified in sub. (6) (b) 1. The department shall devise and  
17 distribute a form for reports by pharmacies and pharmacists under this subsection.

18 (9) The department shall monitor compliance by pharmacies and pharmacists  
19 that are certified providers of medical assistance with the requirements of sub. (5)  
20 and shall annually report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) concerning the  
21 compliance. The report shall include information on any pharmacies or pharmacists  
22 that discontinue participation as certified providers of medical assistance and the  
23 reasons given for the discontinuance.

24 (10) If federal law is amended to provide coverage for prescription drugs for  
25 outpatient care as a benefit under medicare or to provide similar coverage under

1 another program, the department shall submit a report concerning this fact to  
2 appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

3 (11) After June 30, 2001, and before July 1, 2003, the department may not  
4 under sub. (4) subject a manufacturer that enters into a rebate agreement under sub.  
5 (7) to prior authorization requirements for a prescription drug for outpatient care for  
6 treatment of a chronic condition.

7 (12) Except as provided in subs. (9) to (11), the department may enter into a  
8 contract with an entity to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the  
9 department under this section.

#### 10 **SECTION 14. Appropriation changes.**

11 (1) PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY; ADMINISTRATION. In the schedule  
12 under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the joint committee  
13 on finance under section 20.865 (4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999,  
14 the dollar amount is increased by \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2000–01 to increase  
15 funding for administration of the prescription drug assistance for elderly program  
16 under section 49.688 of the statutes, as created by this act.

#### 17 **SECTION 15. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) The treatment of section 49.47 (4) (aq), (b) 2m. b., 2r., 2w. and 3., (c) 1. and  
19 3. and (i) (2) (intro.) of the statutes first applies to eligibility determinations made  
20 for medical assistance on July 1, 2001.

21 **SECTION 16. Effective dates; health and family services.** This act takes  
22 effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

23 (1) PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY. The treatment of section 20.435  
24 (4) (bv) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2001.

25 (END)