



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2007 SENATE BILL 88**

March 3, 2008 – Offered by Representatives NYGREN and KRAMER.

1 **AN ACT to create** 49.471 (11r) of the statutes; **relating to:** providing coverage
2 of hearing aids and cochlear implants under BadgerCare Plus and granting
3 rule-making authority.

BadgerCare Plus (BC+) is a Medical Assistance (MA) program that was approved in the biennial budget act. BC+, which will be administered by the Department of Health and Family Services, provides health care benefits under two different plans, depending on the basis for a recipient's eligibility, to recipients who satisfy financial and nonfinancial eligibility criteria. One plan provides the same benefits that are provided under the regular MA program. The other plan, called the Benchmark Plan, provides comprehensive benefits that are specified in the statute.

This substitute amendment provides that, beginning on January 1, 2009, BC+ will cover hearing aids and cochlear implants for any child under the age of 18 years who is a state resident, who has been certified as deaf or hearing impaired by a physician or a licensed audiologist, and who: 1) is not eligible for BC+ or 2) is eligible for and covered under BC+ but does not have coverage under BC+ for hearing aids and cochlear implants.

