



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 16**

March 26, 2009 – Offered by Representative NYGREN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 4, line 18: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with
page 5, line 11, and substitute:

3 “(b) 1. Subject to par. (c) and except as provided in par. (d), every disability
4 insurance policy and every self-insured health plan shall provide coverage of the cost
5 of hearing aids and cochlear implants that are prescribed by a physician, or by an
6 audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch. 459, in accordance with accepted
7 professional medical or audiological standards, for a child covered under the policy
8 or plan who is under 18 years of age and who is certified as deaf or hearing impaired
9 by a physician or by an audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch. 459.

1 2. The coverage required under this subsection shall include coverage of
2 treatment related to the hearing aids and cochlear implants, including procedures
3 for the implantation of cochlear devices.

4 3. Coverage of the cost of hearing aids and related treatment under this
5 subsection is not required to exceed the cost of one hearing aid and related treatment
6 per ear per child more often than once every 3 years.

7 4. The coverage required under this subsection may be subject to any
8 cost-sharing provisions, limitations, or exclusions, other than a preexisting
9 condition exclusion, that apply generally under the disability insurance policy or
10 self-insured health plan.”.

11 **2.** Page 5, line 12: delete “par. (b) 3.” and substitute “par. (b) 4.”.

12 **3.** Page 6, line 2: after that line insert:

13 “3. If an insurer denies coverage under an individual disability insurance policy
14 to a child or the child’s family and the child would be eligible as specified in par. (b)
15 1. for coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants and related treatment, the
16 insurer shall advise the child’s family of the availability of coverage for hearing aids
17 and cochlear implants and related treatment under the BadgerCare Plus program
18 under s. 49.471 under the benefits described in s. 49.46 (2) (a) and (b).”.

19 **4.** Page 6, line 4: after that line insert:

20 “1m. A disability insurance policy, or a self-insured health plan of the state or
21 a county, city, town, village, or school district, that provides only limited-scope dental
22 or vision benefits.”.

23 **5.** Page 6, line 9: after that line insert:

1 “5. An individual health benefit plan that is not renewable and that has a
2 specified termination date that, including any extensions that the policyholder may
3 elect without the insurer’s consent, is less than 12 months after the original effective
4 date.”.

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