



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1258/P1  
SWB:wlj:rs

DOA:.....Hutter, BB0448 - Elimination of physician's assessment fee

**FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**OTHER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Under current law, DHS must, by the first October 1 after the start of each fiscal year, estimate the total amount of its expenditures for department operations for that fiscal year. Based on that estimate, DHS assesses certain health care providers, other than hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, for the estimated total amount, less certain amounts received for administrative purposes. This bill eliminates the authorization for DHS to charge assessments to health care providers.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (1) (hg) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (1) (hg) *General program operations; health care information.* The amounts in the schedule to fund the activities of the department of health services

under ch. 153, to contract with the data organization under s. 153.05 (2r), and to make payments to a corporation under s. 153.81 to support health information exchange. The contract fees paid under s. 153.05 (6m) and assessments paid under s. 153.60 shall be credited to this appropriation account.

**SECTION 2.** 153.60 (intro.) and (1) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 153.60 and amended to read:

**153.60 Assessments to fund operations of department Department expenditure estimate.** Subject to s. 153.455: ~~(1) The, the~~ department shall, by the first October 1 after the commencement of each fiscal year, estimate the total amount of expenditures under this subchapter for the department for that fiscal year for data collection, database development and maintenance, generation of data files and standard reports, orientation and training provided under s. 153.05 (9) (a) and contracting with the data organization under s. 153.05 (2r). ~~The department shall assess the estimated total amount for that fiscal year, less the estimated total amount to be received for purposes of administration of this subchapter under s. 20.435 (1) (hi) during the fiscal year and the unencumbered balance of the amount received for purposes of administration of this subchapter under s. 20.435 (1) (hi) from the prior fiscal year, to health care providers, other than hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, who are in a class of health care providers from whom the department collects data under this subchapter in a manner specified by the department by rule. The department shall work together with the department of safety and professional services to develop a mechanism for collecting assessments from health care providers other than hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. No health care provider that is not a facility may be assessed under this subsection an~~

~~amount that exceeds \$75 per fiscal year. All payments of assessments shall be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (hg).~~

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