



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0139 - Medicaid coverage of group physical therapy

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Coverage of group physical therapy under Medical Assistance

Currently, DHS administers the Medical Assistance program, which is a joint federal and state program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources. This bill directs DHS to promulgate rules by July 1, 2022, to include group physical therapy as one of the physical therapy services authorized for reimbursement under the Medical Assistance program. The bill allows DHS to promulgate emergency rules to authorize group physical therapy for reimbursement under the Medical Assistance program.

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

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

SECTION 9119. Nonstatutory provisions; Health Services

(1) COVERAGE OF GROUP PHYSICAL THERAPY UNDER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) The department of health services shall promulgate rules to include group physical therapy as a covered service for recipients of medical assistance under s. DHS 107.16, Wis. Admin. Code. The department of health services shall submit in proposed form the rules required under this paragraph to the legislative council staff under s. 227.15 (1) no later than July 1, 2022.

(b) The department of health services may promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24 to implement par. (a). Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under this paragraph remain in effect until the first day of the 25th month beginning after the effective date of the emergency rule, or the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department of health services is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this paragraph as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this paragraph.

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