



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1049/P2  
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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0376 - Medicaid coverage of acupuncture services

**FOR 2021-2023 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**

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

***Medical Assistance program coverage of acupuncture services***

The bill includes acupuncture that is provided by a certified acupuncturist as a reimbursable benefit under the Medical Assistance program. The bill requires DHS to submit to the federal government any request for federal approval necessary to provide the reimbursement for an acupuncture benefit under the Medical Assistance program. The Medical Assistance program is a joint federal and state program administered by DHS that provides health care services to individuals with limited financial resources.

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.** 49.46 (2) (b) 11m. of the statutes is created to read:

49.46 (2) (b) 11m. Subject to par. (bx), acupuncture provided by an acupuncturist who holds a certificate under ch. 451.

**SECTION 2.** 49.46 (2) (bx) of the statutes is created to read:

49.46 (2) (bx) The department shall submit to the federal department of health and human services any request for a state plan amendment, waiver, or other federal approval necessary to provide reimbursement for the benefit under par. (b) 11m. If the federal department approves the request or if no federal approval is necessary, the department shall provide the benefit and reimbursement under par. (b) 11m. If the federal department disapproves the request, the department may not provide the benefit or reimbursement for the benefit described under par. (b) 11m.

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