



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0935/P3

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0075 - Medicaid Coverage for Incarcerated Individuals

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance coverage for incarcerated individuals

This bill authorizes DHS to submit a request to the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for a waiver of federal Medicaid law to conduct a demonstration project allowing prerelease coverage to incarcerated individuals for certain services under the Medical Assistance program for up to 90 days before release if the individual is otherwise eligible for coverage under the Medical Assistance program. The bill provides that if the waiver is approved, DHS may provide reimbursement under the Medical Assistance program for both the federal and nonfederal share of services, including case management services, provided to incarcerated individuals under the waiver. The Medical Assistance program is a joint state and federal program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources.

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 1. 49.45 (62) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (62) PRERELEASE COVERAGE OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. (a) The department may submit to the secretary of the federal department of health and human services a request for a waiver of federal Medicaid law to conduct a demonstration project to provide incarcerated individuals prerelease health care coverage for certain services under the Medical Assistance program for up to 90

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days preceding the incarcerated individual's release if the individual is otherwise eligible for coverage under the Medical Assistance program.

(b) If a waiver submitted by the department under par. (a) is approved by the federal department of health and human services, the department may provide reimbursement under the Medical Assistance program for both the federal and nonfederal share of services, including case management services, provided to incarcerated individuals under the approved waiver.

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