



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 438
[2005 Assembly Bill 426]

**Specialized Transportation
Assistance Program**

Under **current law**, the Department of Transportation (DOT) administers the Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (program) under which DOT distributes aids to counties to be used for providing transportation services to elderly and disabled persons. A county may contract with DOT to hold aids received under the program in trust for the exclusive purpose of acquiring or maintaining equipment used for services authorized under the program.

2005 Wisconsin Act 438 allows a county to contract with DOT to hold aids received under the program in trust for the additional purpose of providing services under the program, not just for the purpose of acquiring or maintaining equipment used for such services.

Under **current law**, DOT apportions to each county a share of the total aid available under the program, called the “county proportionate share,” based generally upon the number of elderly and disabled persons in the county. If a county fails to contract with DOT for its entire county proportionate share by February 1 of any fiscal year, DOT may distribute the remaining amount by supplemental contract with other counties that have applied for more than its county proportionate share.

2005 Wisconsin Act 438 provides that, if a county fails to apply for its entire county proportionate share by January 1 of any fiscal year, DOT may distribute the remaining amount by supplemental application and supplemental contract with other counties.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2005 Wisconsin Act 438 is June 6, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.