



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 192
[2011 Senate Bill 474]

**Asset Verification for Medical
Assistance**

2011 Wisconsin Act 192 relates to matching financial records for Medical Assistance eligibility and providing a penalty.

The Act requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to operate a financial matching program for asset verification in determining eligibility for Wisconsin's ForwardHealth Medicaid plans for elderly, blind, or disabled persons. A financial institution can choose to receive names and Social Security numbers to do the matching itself, or to send names, Social Security numbers, and account descriptions to DHS to run the matches.

DHS must pay each financial institution up to \$125 per quarter. DHS and a financial institution cannot disclose or retain the matching information, but a financial institution is not liable for disclosing information or taking other good faith action in compliance with the matching program. A person who misuses or otherwise improperly discloses or retains information received from DHS is subject to a fine up to \$1,000 and imprisonment in a county jail up to one year.

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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/>.