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### 2025 Wisconsin Act 21 [2025 Senate Bill 152]

### Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program Financial Eligibility

## BACKGROUND

State law provides for a program, called the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program, that distributes funds for the provision of service payments, goods, and services to persons with dementia and their caregivers. The payments, goods, and services provided under the program are intended to help make available a diverse array of community services directed at preventing or delaying the institutionalization of persons who have dementia, enhancing the quality of their lives, and providing assistance to family members and others who take care of persons with dementia without compensation.

Under prior law, a person was financially eligible to receive payments from the program if certain criteria were met, including that at least one member of the person's household has been diagnosed by a physician as having irreversible dementia, and the joint income of the person with irreversible dementia and that person's spouse, if any, was \$48,000 per year or less.

## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT 21

2025 Wisconsin Act 21 repeals the program's financial eligibility requirement described above, meaning that a person's program eligibility is no longer tied to the income of the person in their household with irreversible dementia.

**Effective date:** August 10, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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