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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2009 Assembly Bill 553**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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*Assembly Bill 553* makes various changes in the laws dealing with hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists.

One of the changes is to the *current law* that requires a hearing instrument specialist who engages in the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids to deliver to each person supplied with a hearing aid a receipt. Under current law, the receipt must include a statement that the purchaser has been advised at the outset of the purchaser's relationship with the hearing instrument specialist that any examination or representation is not an examination, diagnosis, or prescription by a person licensed to practice medicine and therefore must not be regarded as medical opinion or advice.

The bill modifies this by deleting the requirement that the receipt state that the purchaser has been advised of this at the outset of the purchaser's relationship with the hearing instrument specialist. In addition, the bill adds language requiring that the receipt state that the purchaser has been advised that any examination or representation made by the hearing instrument specialist in connection with the fitting and selling of the hearing aid is not an examination, diagnosis, or prescription by a person licensed to practice medicine "or audiology" and therefore must not be regarded as medical "or audiological" opinion or advice. *Assembly Amendment 1* deletes the references to "or audiology" and "or audiological."

### **Legislative History**

The Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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