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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2009 Assembly Bill 659</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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*Assembly Bill 659* makes a number of changes in the law dealing with testing for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The bill removes the provision in current law that requires, with certain exceptions, that the subject of an HIV test give informed written consent to the test. The bill replaces this with a provision that allows testing if the test subject (or the test subject's authorized representative) is given specified information, other specified procedures are complied with, and the test subject has not declined to have the test performed.

*Assembly Amendment 1* modifies the language regarding information that must be provided to prospective test subjects. Under the bill, they must be informed of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) service organizations. The amendment modifies this to require that the test subject be given information about services provided by AIDS service organizations and other community-based organizations for persons who have a positive HIV test result. The amendment also modifies the portion of the bill that deals with testing of corpses for HIV under specified circumstances on the order of an attending physician or an advanced practice nurse prescriber. The amendment modifies this by adding physician assistants to the enumeration of providers that may order an HIV test of a corpse.

### Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both by votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and passed the bill as amended, both by voice votes.

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