

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 297

Senate Substitute Amendment 2

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Currently, the Department of Revenue (DOR) may impose an assessment on ambulatory surgical centers. If DOR does impose such an assessment, it must transfer 99.5% of the funds collected to the Medical Assistance (MA) trust fund. Currently, the federal government provides federal financial participation under the Medicaid program for funds that are collected under the assessment on ambulatory surgical centers and deposited in, and used to make payments from, the MA trust fund. 2011 Senate Bill 297, as introduced, would eliminate DOR's authority to impose the assessment on ambulatory surgical centers, beginning on July 1, 2013.

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 does not eliminate DOR's authority to impose the assessment on ambulatory surgical centers beginning on July 1, 2013. Instead, under the substitute amendment, if at any time the federal government no longer provides federal financial participation for funds collected under the assessment on ambulatory surgical centers, as described above, the following provisions will apply:

- The funds collected under the assessment on ambulatory surgical centers must be refunded to the ambulatory surgical centers to the extent the federal government does not provide financial participation;
- The Department of Health Services (DHS) must recoup the payments made from the MA trust fund for which the federal government does not provide financial participation; and
- The payments recouped by DHS must be re-deposited in the MA trust fund.

Legislative History

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to 2011 Senate Bill 297 was offered on March 9, 2012, by Senator Galloway. On March 13, 2012, the Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 2 on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 33; Noes, 0.

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