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Senate Substitute Amendment 2

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The bill modifies a benefit under the state Medicaid program for “clinical consultations” for a student up to age 21, which are certain communications involving a mental health professional and another individual who is working with the client, as specified in the statutes. The benefit was created in the 2017-18 biennial budget, and it was scheduled to automatically sunset on June 30, 2019. The bill makes two changes to the benefit. First, it repeals the sunset provision so that the benefit will remain in effect indefinitely. Second, it expands the scope of the benefit to specifically include communications with a parent of the student.

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The substitute amendment adds a definition of “parent” for purposes of the clinical consultation benefit, as any of the following:

- A parent.
- A foster parent.
- A guardian.
- A relative, other than a parent, who lives with the student.

In addition, the substitute amendment removes the provision in the bill related to the sunset of the clinical consultation benefit. This is due to the enactment of 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the biennial budget act, which eliminated the June 30, 2019 sunset date that had previously applied. Lastly, the substitute amendment removes the appropriation from the bill.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 was offered by Senator Darling on December 19, 2019. On January 8, 2020, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources recommended adoption of the substitute amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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