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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 386

November 21, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Jacque, Craig, Petersen, Kapenga, Thiesfeldt, Stroebel, Wynn, Endsley, Farrow, Kleefisch, Knudson, Steineke, T. Larson and Pridemore, cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Lazich and Galloway, Referred to Committee on Health.

- 1 AN ACT to create 255.06 (5) of the statutes; relating to: the Well-Woman
- Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program under which service providers are reimbursed for providing preventative health care services to low-income, underinsured, and uninsured women. Under this bill, DHS may only distribute state funds allocated to the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program to public entities. This bill further provides that public entities that receive state funding through the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program may provide the funds to other entities provided that the recipient does not provide abortions, make referrals for abortion services, or have an affiliate that provides abortions or makes referrals for abortion services.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **Section 1.** 255.06 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 255.06 (5) Well-woman program funds; restriction. (a) The department may
- 5 distribute funds from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (cb) only to public
- 6 entities.

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(b) Subject to par. (c), a public entity that receives funds under this section may
provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities provided that the
recipient of the funds does not do any of the following:

- 1. Provide abortion services.
- 2. Make referrals for abortion services.
- 3. Have an affiliate that provides abortion services or makes referrals for abortion services.
 - (c) Providing abortion services, making referrals for abortion services, or having an affiliate that provides abortion services or makes referrals for abortion services solely under the circumstances described in s. 20.927 (2) does not disqualify an entity from receiving funds from a public entity under par. (b).

12 (END)