



## 2019 SENATE BILL 618

December 6, 2019 - Introduced by Senators SCHACHTNER, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, MILLER and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives EMERSON, BROSTOFF, OHNSTAD, STUBBS, SUBECK and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1     **AN ACT relating to:** hospital-based behavioral health crisis management grant  
2             and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award a onetime grant to a critical access hospital to support the cost of a behavioral health crisis management system. DHS must award the grant to a critical access hospital that meets certain criteria, including providing alcohol and drug abuse assessment and treatment services and inpatient psychiatric services and presenting a proposal that does all of the following: 1) provides in-person triage, assessment, and brief intervention services to persons presenting in the hospital emergency department for reasons related to a behavioral health crisis; 2) provides these services through video telemedicine consultation to persons presenting in hospital emergency departments, other than the hospital's emergency department, in the hospital's region; and 3) coordinates the transfer of persons who require care for a behavioral health condition to another facility, as appropriate.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3             **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

**SENATE BILL 618****SECTION 1**

1           (1) The department of health services shall award a onetime grant of \$100,000  
2 in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium to a critical access hospital to support the cost of a  
3 behavioral health crisis management system. The department of health services  
4 shall award the grant under this subsection to a critical access hospital that meets  
5 all of the following criteria:

6           (a) The hospital presents a proposal that does all of the following:

7           1. Provides in-person triage, assessment, and brief intervention services to  
8 persons presenting in the hospital emergency department for reasons related to a  
9 behavioral health crisis.

10           2. Provides the services specified under subd. 1. through video telemedicine  
11 consultation to persons presenting in hospital emergency departments, other than  
12 the hospital's emergency department, in the hospital's region.

13           3. Coordinates the transfer of persons who require care for a behavioral health  
14 condition to another facility, as appropriate.

15           (b) The hospital is located in the northwestern part of this state in a county that  
16 borders Minnesota and that has immediate access to the interstate highway known  
17 as I 94.

18           (c) The hospital provides alcohol and drug abuse assessment and treatment  
19 services and inpatient psychiatric services.

20           **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

21           (1) **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL GRANT.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
22 appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (5) (bc), the dollar  
23 amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$100,000 to fund a grant under

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1 SECTION 1 to a critical access hospital to support the costs of a behavioral health crisis  
2 management system.

3 (END)