



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 696

November 12, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, CABRERA, HONG, BALDEH, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, AGARD, ROYS, BEWLEY, ERPENBACH, LARSON, PFAFF, SMITH, WIRCH and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 49.46 (2) (bo) of the statutes; **relating to:** dentists' services for
2 pregnant persons under the Medical Assistance program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to ensure that a Medical Assistance recipient who is pregnant has the opportunity to see a dentist within 60 days of being referred for dentists' services under the Medical Assistance program. The Medical Assistance program is a joint state and federal program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 49.46 (2) (bo) of the statutes is created to read:
4 49.46 (2) (bo) The department shall ensure that any Medical Assistance
5 recipient that is referred by a health care provider for dentists' services under par.
6 (b) 1. has the opportunity to be seen by the referred dentist no later than 60 days after

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SECTION 1

1 the date of referral if the recipient is pregnant on the date of the referral or the
2 recipient becomes pregnant prior to an appointment with the referred dentist.

3 (END)