



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 554

September 2, 2021 - Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, AGARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, LARSON, PFAFF and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, CABRERA, ANDERSON, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.145 (1) (a) and 601.415 (14) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 pharmacy benefits tool grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to award grants in an amount of up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year to health care providers to develop and implement a tool that would allow prescribers to disclose the cost of prescription drugs for patients. The tool must be usable by physicians and other prescribers to determine the cost of prescription drugs for their patients. Any health care provider that receives a grant to develop and implement a patient pharmacy benefits tool is required to contribute matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the total grant awarded.

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.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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SECTION 1

2021-22

2022-23

1 **20.145 Insurance, Office of the Commissioner**

2 **of**

3 (1) SUPERVISION OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

4 (a) State operations GPR A -0- 500,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.145 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.145 (1) (a) *State operations.* The amounts in the schedule for general
7 program operations.

8 **SECTION 3.** 601.415 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

9 601.415 (14) PATIENT PHARMACY BENEFITS TOOL. (a) From the appropriation
10 under s. 20.145 (1) (a), beginning in the 2022-23 fiscal year, the office shall award
11 grants in a total amount of up to \$500,000 each fiscal year to health care providers
12 to develop and implement a tool for prescribers to disclose the cost of prescription
13 drugs for patients. The tool must be usable by physicians and other prescribers to
14 determine the cost of prescription drugs for their patients.

15 (b) Any health care provider that receives a grant under par. (a) shall contribute
16 matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded.

17 (END)