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MA Eligibility Quality Assurance (DHFS -- Medical Assistance, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare -- Administration)

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CURRENT LAW

Income maintenance (IM) refers to the eligibility determination and management functions associated with several federal and state programs. Under state law, county human and social service departments are required to enter into annual contracts with the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) for the reasonable cost to perform eligibility functions for MA, BadgerCare, and FoodShare. DHFS also contracts with tribes for these functions. In addition, DHFS contracts with counties and tribes for the administration of other programs, including the supplemental security income (SSI) caretaker supplement, Family Care, and cemetery, funeral, and burial aids. Administering agencies are responsible for processing applications, determining eligibility and payment levels, periodically making eligibility redeterminations, and maintaining accurate case files regarding recipients of public assistance.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$22,500 (\$11,400 GPR, -\$3,300 FED, and \$14,400 PR) in 2005-06 and \$40,100 (\$20,500 GPR, -\$22,600 FED, and \$42,200 PR) in 2006-07 to support unspecified IM activities.

MODIFICATION

Reduce funding by \$22,500 (-\$11,400 GPR, \$3,300 FED, and -\$14,400 PR) in 2005-06 and by \$40,100 (-\$20,500 GPR, \$22,600 FED, and -\$42,200 PR) in 2006-07 to correctly reflect the level of funding that would be provided for MA eligibility quality assurance activities. The federal funds are MA matching funds and the PR funding is temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) funds transferred from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to DHFS.

Explanation: As part of its 2005-07 budget submission, DHFS requested funding to increase support for IM contracts. Although the Governor did not approve this component of the Department's quality assurance initiative, partial funding for this purpose was included in AB 100. To correctly reflect the Governor's intent, this modification deletes funding that was inadvertently included in the bill.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>GPR</u>	<u>FED</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2005-07 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$31,900	\$25,900	- \$56,600	- \$62,600

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