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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 1, 2019

Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration project from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to s. 20.940(3)(c)2, Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Tony Evers, Governor
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The Honorable Alberta Darling, Senate Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
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The Honorable John Nygren, Assembly Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Per s. 20.940(3)(c)2., created by 2017 Act 370, I am submitting an implementation plan for the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project, which was approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on October 31, 2018.

The implementation plan is attached. Please contact me if you have any questions about this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Palm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Palm
Secretary

DHS Implementation Progress Report BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project

Per s. 20.940(3)(c)2., this document provides a monthly report of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' progress toward implementing the federally approved waiver for the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project.

Reporting Period: March 1, 2019 – March 30, 2019

1. Overview of the Demonstration Project

Under the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project, Wisconsin is eligible for federal Medicaid matching funds to provide health care coverage for childless adults between the ages of 19 and 64 years old who have income at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Per the October 31, 2018 approved BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project amendment, DHS is in the process of implementing the approved changes, including:

- Monthly premiums based on household income and healthy behaviors
- Emergency department copayments for non-emergency use of services
- Health risk assessment (HRA)
- Limiting benefit eligibility to 48 months for noncompliance with community engagement requirements
- Full coverage of residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment

The Department submitted an implementation plan to the Joint Finance Committee on March 1, 2019.

2. Activity During the Current Reporting Period (March 1, 2019 – March 30, 2019)

DHS held meetings to coordinate project planning and development, including:

- Project status meetings with Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) administrative team and the project manager.
- Project development meetings with DMS administrative team, program, and vendor staff to discuss implementation, project governance, and potential systems changes.
- Tribal consultation project meeting with DHS leadership and Tribal Health Directors.
- Project steering committee meetings.
- All-state calls with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services staff to discuss new monitoring and evaluation guidance for Section 1115 demonstrations.

3. Updated Implementation Plan and Expected Timeline

In accordance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 370 (Act 370), DHS continues to work towards implementing the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project by November 1, 2019.

Per the intermediate implementation plan submitted on March 1, 2019, DHS continues to work towards completion of policy and business process development by June 1, 2019. The timeline for subsequent phases of the project will depend upon the decisions made and considerations identified during the initial phase and analysis of CMS guidance on the waiver reporting requirements. DHS will communicate updates in future monthly progress reports as timelines for subsequent phases are identified.