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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: October 1, 2020

Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a implementation progress report for 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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The Honorable Alberta Darling, Senate Co-Chair
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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, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to submit to the Joint Finance Committee a monthly implementation progress report for the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project, which was approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on October 31, 2018. This letter serves as the progress report for the month of September 2020.

2019 Wisconsin Act 185 suspends premiums and health risk assessment requirements and delays the implementation deadline for the community engagement component of the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project. These provisions enable the state to qualify for enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds made available through federal COVID-19 legislation.

Because of the Act 185 provisions and our ongoing efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, DHS has not made further progress toward implementing the BadgerCare Reform Demonstration Project in September. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Palm
Secretary-designee