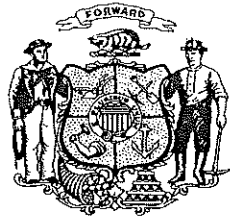


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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: July 31, 2023

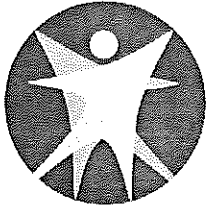
Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a monthly implementation progress report on the status of negotiations toward approval of any waiver request submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to s. 20.940(3)(b)(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  
Kirsten L. Johnson, Secretary

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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Senate Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

Under s. 20.940(3)(b)(2), Wis. Stats., created by 2017 Act 370, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to submit to the Joint Committee on Finance a monthly implementation progress report on the status of negotiations toward approval of any waiver request submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This letter serves as the July 2023 progress report on the status of Medicaid waiver amendment initiatives pending with CMS.

CMS is currently reviewing one Medicaid waiver amendment, an 1115 demonstration waiver, and an 1115 demonstration waiver renewal.

On December 21, 2020, the Department submitted to CMS an amendment to the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project requesting to implement a Medicaid Health Savings Account Program for childless adults as required under s. 49.45(60), created by 2017 Act 271. The Department received the Committee's approval to submit this amendment on March 12, 2020. During the month of July 2023, the Department continued bi-weekly contacts with CMS regarding the status of the amendment approval process. CMS staff indicated they would be in communication with the Department as they analyze the application.

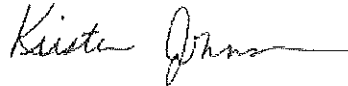
On June 3, 2022, DHS submitted an 1115 demonstration waiver to CMS to extend Medicaid coverage for pregnant women to 90 days postpartum. CMS posted Wisconsin's application on the federal Medicaid.gov website for a 30-day federal comment period, which was open through July 21, 2022. The Department continued bi-weekly contacts with CMS regarding the status of the request in July 2023.

On November 18, 2022, the Department submitted to CMS an application to renew the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project. The Department received the Committee's approval to submit the

renewal application on November 7, 2022. On December 2, 2022, CMS notified the Department that the application was complete, and CMS would proceed with its review. On the same day, CMS opened the federal public comment period on the waiver, which lasted through January 1, 2023. The Department has had bi-weekly contacts with CMS in July 2023 and also attended an in-person meeting with CMS to discuss the waiver.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirsten Johnson", followed by a horizontal line.

Kirsten L. Johnson  
Secretary-designee