



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1078**

February 22, 2024 - Offered by Representative EMERSON.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** funding for supplemental health care services grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill specifies that the Joint Committee on Finance may provide up to \$15,000,000 in funding in the 2023–25 fiscal biennium, from the JCF supplemental appropriation, for supplemental health care services grants to fund health care providers that commit to providing health care services in the Department of Health Services area administration western region, and that, in addition, agree to use any grant funds for expenditures to aid in providing health care services in that region. The bill provides that a health care provider that is no longer offering services in Eau Claire County or Chippewa County after March 22, 2024, is not eligible for a grant.

Under the bill, DHS may submit a request to JCF for this funding with a plan that identifies each health care provider requesting funding, describes the types of expenditures for which the requested funding would be used, and prioritizes grant awards to support hospital or other urgently needed health care services in Eau Claire County and Chippewa County.

The bill provides that if JCF determines that the requirements set forth in the bill are satisfied, JCF may approve the plan and request for funding, as proposed or as modified, and may provide funding, not exceeding a total of \$15,000,000, to DHS to provide supplemental health care services grants to health care providers as provided in the approved plan. The bill requires a report to JCF and the legislature that includes the amount of funding received, a detailed description of all expenditures for which the funding was used, and the impact of the funding on the

health care services of the health care providers that received a grant. The bill provides that no moneys may be appropriated for supplemental health care services grants after June 30, 2025.

Under the bill, DHS may require a health care provider who has received a grant to repay the amount of the grant to DHS if DHS determines that the health care provider has expended grant moneys for purposes that are inconsistent with the bill, including by ceasing to provide health care services in DHS area administration western region during the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES GRANTS.

3 (a) The department of health services may submit to the joint committee on
4 finance a request for funding in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium, in a total amount not
5 exceeding \$15,000,000, to award supplemental health care services grants to fund
6 one or more health care providers that apply for a grant and, subject to par. (b), meet
7 all of the following requirements:

8 1. The applicant commits to providing health care services in the department
9 of health services area administration western region.

10 2. The applicant agrees to use any grant moneys received to aid in providing
11 health care services in the department of health services area administration
12 western region.

13 (b) A health care provider that is no longer offering services in Eau Claire
14 County or Chippewa County after March 22, 2024, is not eligible for a grant under
15 this subsection.

16 (c) The department of health services shall include in the request for funding
17 under par. (a) a plan that identifies each health care provider that requests funding,
18 describes the types of expenditures for which the requested funding would be used,

1 and prioritizes grant awards to support hospital or other urgently needed health care
2 services in Eau Claire County and Chippewa County.

3 (d) If the joint committee on finance determines that the requirements under
4 pars. (a) to (c) are satisfied, the joint committee on finance may approve the plan and
5 request for funding, as proposed or as modified.

6 (e) Upon approval under par. (d), the joint committee on finance may
7 supplement the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435
8 (1) (bd) from the appropriation under s. 20.865 (4) (a), in an amount determined by
9 the joint committee on finance, but not exceeding a total of \$15,000,000, to provide
10 supplemental health care services grants to health care providers as provided in the
11 approved plan.

12 (f) No moneys may be appropriated for supplemental health care services
13 grants under this subsection after June 30, 2025.

14 (g) The department of health services may require a health care provider who
15 has received a grant under this subsection to repay the amount of the grant to the
16 department if the department determines that the health care provider has
17 expended grant moneys for purposes that are inconsistent with this subsection,
18 including by ceasing to provide health care services in the department of health
19 services area administration western region during the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

20 (h) Not later than March 1, 2025, a health care provider that is a recipient of
21 a grant under this subsection shall report to the department of health services the
22 amount of funding received, a detailed description of all expenditures for which the
23 funding was used, and the impact of the funding on the health care provider's health
24 care services. Not later than June 1, 2025, the department of health services shall
25 submit to the joint committee on finance and to the chief clerk of each house of the

1 legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner set
2 forth under s. 13.172 (3) a report summarizing this information received from the
3 grant recipients.

4 (END)