



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>19-4394/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-499</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> permitting certain individuals to make requests for medication for the purpose of ending their lives and providing a penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill permits an individual who is not incapacitated, is at least 18 years of age, is a resident of Wisconsin, and has a terminal disease to request voluntary medication from their attending physician for the purpose of ending the individual's life. The bill authorizes the individual's attending physician to issue a prescription for the medication if the specified requirements are met. This information must be reported to the Department of Health Services. Additionally, the bill creates a statutory request for medication authorization form and requires that the Department prepare and provide copies of the form for distribution to certain facilities, associations, and persons.

The Department must also annually examine a sampling of patient health care records of requesters who were prescribed medication.

To comply with the requirements of this legislation, the Department anticipates a one-time cost of \$7,500 PR to develop and update necessary forms and \$15,000 to create a new Compassion Choices event in the Wisconsin Vital Records Information System. Additionally, the Department requires an on-going \$1,125 PR to develop the annual reports. In sum, the total fiscal effect of this bill is \$22,500 PR in one-time costs and \$1,125 PR in annual costs.

The Department is able to absorb these costs internally.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications