



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 414

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 149.14 (3) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** medical
2 assistance certification of providers under the mandatory health insurance
3 risk-sharing plan.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The health insurance risk-sharing plan (HIRSP) provides major medical health insurance coverage for persons who are covered under medicare because they are disabled, persons who have tested positive for HIV and persons who have been refused coverage, or coverage at an affordable price, in the private health insurance market because of their mental or physical health condition. Also eligible for coverage are persons who do not currently have health insurance coverage, but who were covered under certain types of health insurance coverage for at least 18 months in the past. Responsibility for administering HIRSP is split between the department of health and family services (DHFS) and a board of governors.

Generally, HIRSP provides coverage for services that are provided by chiropractors who are licensed in this state and who are certified as medical assistance providers and for services and articles that are provided by providers who are certified as medical assistance providers and that were prescribed by physicians who are licensed in this state, or in another state, and who are certified as medical assistance providers. This bill removes the requirement that, for coverage of services or articles prescribed by a physician who is licensed in another state, the physician must be certified as a medical assistance provider. Instead, such a physician must satisfy certification requirements of DHFS.

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The bill also qualifies the requirement that, for coverage of services or articles properly prescribed, the provider providing the service or article must be certified as a medical assistance provider. Unless the provider is practicing in another state, the provider must be certified as a medical assistance provider. If the provider is practicing in another state, the provider must satisfy certification requirements of DHFS.

In addition, the bill provides that HIRSP will cover the services of a chiropractor who is licensed in another state if the chiropractor satisfies certification requirements of DHFS.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 149.14 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 149.14 (3) COVERED EXPENSES. (intro.) Except as restricted by cost containment
3 provisions under s. 149.17 (4) and except as reduced by the board under s. 149.15 (3)
4 (e) or by the department under s. 149.143 or 149.144, covered expenses for the
5 coverage under this section shall be the usual and customary charges for the services
6 provided by persons a chiropractor who is licensed under ch. 446 and who is certified
7 under s. 49.45 (2) (a) 11., or by a chiropractor who is licensed in another state and who
8 satisfies certification requirements of the department. Except as restricted by cost
9 containment provisions under s. 149.17 (4) and except as reduced by the board under
10 s. 149.15 (3) (e) or by the department under s. 149.143 or 149.144, covered expenses
11 for the coverage under this section shall also be the usual and customary charges for
12 the following services and articles if the service or article is prescribed by a physician
13 who is licensed under ch. 448 and who is certified under s. 49.45 (2) (a) 11., or by a
14 physician who is licensed in another state and who is certified under s. 49.45 (2) (a)
15 11. satisfies certification requirements of the department, and if the service or article

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1 is provided by a provider who is certified under s. 49.45 (2) (a) 11., or who, if practicing
2 in another state, satisfies certification requirements of the department:

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to services and articles prescribed or provided on the
5 effective date of this subsection.

6 (END)