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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 192

April 25, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Rohrkaste, Ballweg, Brandtjen, Duchow, Gundrum, James, Mursau, Novak, Plumer, Snyder, Tusler, VanderMeer and Skowronski, cosponsored by Senators Darling, L. Taylor, Carpenter, Marklein, Olsen and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Medicaid Reform and Oversight.

AN ACT to repeal 49.45 (29y) (d); and to amend 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Health Services to reimburse clinical consultations for students who are under 21 years of age under the Medical Assistance program until June 30, 2019. Clinical consultations are communications from a mental health professional or qualified treatment trainee to another individual to inform, inquire, and instruct on the symptoms, strategies for care and intervention, and treatment expectations for the student and to direct and coordinate clinical service components. This bill adds communications to a parent of the student as a reimbursable clinical consultation. The bill also eliminates the June 30, 2019, termination date on the clinical consultation reimbursement.

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:

SECTION 1. 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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49.45 **(29y)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, "clinical consultation" means, for a student up to age 21, communication from a mental health professional or a qualified treatment trainee working under the supervision of a mental health professional to another individual who is working with the client or to a parent of the student to inform, inquire, and instruct regarding all of the following and to direct and coordinate clinical service components:

Section 2. 49.45 (29y) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.

(1) Mental Health Clinical consultations. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by \$177,100 to extend the reimbursement for mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by \$177,100 to extend the reimbursement for mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program.

17 (END)