



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 584

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1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (1) (r), 25.17 (1) (xmm), 25.776 and 252.045 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** purchasing and distributing vaccines, granting
3 rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Health Services must establish a program that provides vaccines to individuals who are not eligible to receive a vaccine at no cost from a federal program. Vaccines to which the bill applies are those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and included in the program by the secretary of health services. The bill requires DHS to estimate the costs associated with providing vaccines and, in consultation with the commissioner of insurance, assess each payer that covers vaccines an amount to pay for this program in accordance with the estimate plus any reserves that DHS determines are prudent. Administrators, insurers, certain health coverage plans, and self-insured governmental health plans are considered payers in the bill. The amount the payer is assessed must be proportional to the number of individuals whose health benefits are administered by or on behalf of that payer in the state. The bill allows DHS to impose an additional assessment if a new vaccine is developed. DHS must then purchase vaccines and distribute them to health care providers to administer vaccines to individuals who are not eligible to receive a vaccine at no cost from a federal program.

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For further information see the state and local 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.** 20.435 (1) (r) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.435 (1) (r) *Vaccine purchasing.* From the vaccine purchase fund, all moneys
3 received from assessments for the purpose of purchasing vaccines under s. 252.045.

4 **SECTION 2.** 25.17 (1) (xmm) of the statutes is created to read:

5 25.17 (1) (xmm) Vaccine purchase fund (s. 25.776);

6 **SECTION 3.** 25.776 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **25.776 Vaccine purchase fund.** There is created a separate nonlapsible trust
8 fund designated as the vaccine purchase fund. The vaccine purchase fund shall
9 consist of all moneys that are received from assessments on payers under s. 252.045
10 (3).

11 **SECTION 4.** 252.045 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **252.045 Purchase of vaccines. (1)** In this section:

13 (a) “Health care provider” means a health care provider, as defined in s. 146.81
14 (1), who is authorized under chs. 440 to 480 to administer a vaccine.

15 (b) “Payer” means any of the following:

16 1. An administrator, as defined in s. 633.01 (1).

17 2. An insurer, as defined in s. 632.745 (15).

18 3. A health coverage plan described in s. 632.745 (11) (b) 1. to 12. or self-insured
19 health plan, as defined in s. 632.745 (24), that is not administered by an insurer or
20 administrator.

