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### **MA Administration Contracts and Enrollment Fees for Childless Adults (DHS -- Medical Assistance and FoodShare -- Administration)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the BadgerCare Plus childless adults program. That program provides health insurance coverage to childless adults ages 19 through 64 with incomes not greater than 200% of the federal poverty level who are not eligible for any other medical assistance or Medicare program and who have not had private health insurance coverage (or access to employer-sponsored insurance) during the preceding twelve months. Program enrollment as of March, 2009, was approximately 12,400, which consisted primarily of individuals previously enrolled in the Milwaukee County general assistance medical program (GAMP). Under current law, DHS is authorized to promulgate rules defining the program's cost-sharing requirements.

#### **GOVERNOR**

Authorize DHS to establish an annual enrollment fee of up to \$75 per year for individuals enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus childless adults program, and specify that all program revenue DHS collects from those enrollment fees be deposited to a DHS program revenue appropriation that is used to support administration costs of the BadgerCare Plus and childless adults programs.

#### **MODIFICATION**

Delete references in the bill's Chapter 20 appropriation schedule to a DHS appropriation entitled "BadgerCare Plus childless adults; enrollment fees" (the "(4)(jk)" appropriation) and delete the bill's Chapter 20 schedule amounts for that appropriation (\$2,212,900 in 2009-10 and \$2,448,000 in 2010-11). Increase the bill's Chapter 20 schedule amounts for the DHS

appropriation entitled "BadgerCare administrative costs" (the "(4)(jw)" appropriation) by corresponding amounts.

**Explanation:** AB 75 would authorize DHS to collect an annual enrollment fee of up to \$75 for enrollees in the childless adults program. Based on the administration's enrollment projections for that program, the bill assumes those enrollment fees will generate program revenue of \$2,212,900 in 2009-10 and \$2,448,000 in 2010-11. The bill's Chapter 20 appropriation schedule includes those program revenue amounts in an appropriation, 20.435(4)(jk), that does not exist. This modification would delete the reference to the (4)(jk) appropriation in the bill's Chapter 20 appropriation schedule, and increases the bill's Chapter 20 schedule amounts for the existing (4)(jw) by \$2,212,900 in 2009-10 and \$2,448,000 in 2010-11, consistent with the Governor's intent.

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