

# State of Wisconsin



2015 Assembly Bill 664

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## 2015 WISCONSIN ACT 294

**AN ACT to create** 49.45 (30c) and 51.03 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** mental health services in schools and Medical Assistance reimbursement for licensed treatment professionals.

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

**SECTION 1g.** 49.45 (30c) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (30c) LICENSED TREATMENT PROFESSIONALS. To the extent allowable by the federal department of health and human services, the department shall certify and reimburse under the Medical Assistance program under this subchapter licensed treatment professionals, as defined in s. 51.03 (6) (a), for mental health services provided at a school regardless of whether the school site is designated as a clinic office and regardless of whether the licensed treatment professional is employed by, a contractor of, or affiliated with a clinic. The department shall seek any approval necessary from the federal department of health and human services to provide reimbursement to licensed treatment professionals under this subsection.

**SECTION 1n.** 51.03 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

51.03 (6) (a) In this subsection, "licensed treatment professional" means a physician who has completed a

residence in psychiatry; a psychologist or a private practice school psychologist licensed under ch. 455; a marriage and family therapist licensed under s. 457.10 or 457.11; a professional counselor licensed under s. 457.12 or 457.13; an advanced practice social worker granted a certificate under s. 457.08 (2); an independent social worker licensed under s. 457.08 (3); a clinical social worker licensed under s. 457.08 (4); or any of these individuals practicing under a currently valid training or temporary license or certificate granted under applicable provisions of ch. 457. "Licensed treatment professional" does not include an individual whose license or certificate is suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered, or whose license or certificate is limited or restricted, when practicing in areas prohibited by the limitation or restriction.

(b) The department may not require a mental health clinic or an individual licensed treatment professional who is otherwise authorized to provide outpatient mental health services at a school to designate the school site as a clinic office in order to provide outpatient mental health services at a school.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."