

State of Wisconsin



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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 344

AN ACT to amend 49.45 (24k) (a) 1.; and to create 49.45 (24k) (c) of the statutes; relating to: dental reimbursement pilot project in the Medical Assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. 49.45 (24k) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.45 (24k) (a) 1. Subject to approval of the federal department of health and human services under par. (b), the department, as a pilot project, shall distribute moneys allocated in each fiscal year to increase for the purpose of increasing the reimbursement rate under Medical Assistance for pediatric dental care and adult emergency dental services, as defined by the department, that are provided in Brown, Marathon, Polk, and Racine counties. If, after increasing the reimbursement rate for counties specified in this subdivision, the moneys allocated for this purpose exceed \$100,000, the department shall increase the reimbursement rate under Medical Assistance for pediatric dental care and adult emergency dental services in other counties, as determined by the department, where Medical Assistance recipients have the greatest need for pediatric dental care and adult emergency dental services.

SECTION 2. 49.45 (24k) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (24k) (c) No later than January 1, 2020, and

biennially thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature under s. 13.172 (2), each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over health or public benefits under s. 13.172 (3), and the joint committee on finance that includes all of the following information on the pilot project under this subsection:

1. The number of Medical Assistance recipients who received services under the pilot program in total and specified by those who received pediatric care and who received adult emergency dental services.
2. An estimate of the potential reduction in health care costs and emergency department use by Medical Assistance recipients due to the pilot project.
3. The feasibility of continuing the pilot project and expanding the project in specific areas of the state or statewide.
4. The amount of moneys distributed under the pilot project and, if moneys allocated for the pilot project were not distributed, a summary on why the moneys were not distributed.
5. An analysis of Medical Assistance recipient populations who received services under the pilot project and populations who may benefit from the pilot project.

* 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."