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## ACT MEMO

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### 2023 Wisconsin Act 182 [2023 Senate Bill 592]

### Medicaid Reimbursement for Complex Rehabilitation Technology Repair

2023 Wisconsin Act 182 specifies that the Department of Health Services (DHS) must apply a reimbursement rate under the Medical Assistance (MA) program for complex rehabilitation technology<sup>1</sup> (CRT) wheelchair repair and accessories that is equal to the maximum fee paid in Wisconsin under the federal Medicare program.

The act requires DHS to submit an annual report to the Legislature, beginning July 1, 2025, on the CRT wheelchair repair and accessories claims data. The claims data must include the total number of units, total number of claims, total number of claims per provider, average dollar amount of all paid claims, average dollar amount of claims paid per provider, total dollar amount paid per provider, and the number of repairs done per unit during the last year. The report must also include a calculation of the amount paid to the provider compared to the amount paid to the provider if the reimbursement were through MA fee-for-service.

The act also requires DHS to submit a one-time report to the Legislature, by July 1, 2025, regarding general CRT supplier data. The report must describe the number of CRT suppliers certified as MA providers in Wisconsin as of December 31, 2024, compared to December 31, 2017, and the effect of 2017 Wisconsin Act 306<sup>2</sup> on the access and availability of CRT for MA recipients. The report must also include an assessment as to whether the CRT payment rates are adequate to ensure patient access to CRT.

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024, except that the act applies to a third-party payer that contracts with DHS to provide health care under the MA program on the date a contract is newly established, extended, modified, or renewed on or after March 24, 2024.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> CRT items are classified within Medicare as durable medical equipment that are individually configured for individuals to meet their specific and unique medical, physical, and functional needs and capacities for basic activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living identified as medically necessary. CRT includes complex rehabilitation manual and power wheelchairs, adaptive seating and positioning items, and other specialized equipment such as standing frames and gait trainers, as well as options and accessories related to any of these items.

<sup>2</sup> [2017 Wisconsin Act 306](#) established coverage for CRT as an MA benefit that is separate from the benefit for general durable medical equipment.