



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 177**

August 26, 2019 - Offered by Senator DARLING.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.); and **to create** 49.45 (29y) (am) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** mental health clinical consultations under the Medical
3 Assistance program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Health Services to reimburse clinical consultations for students who are under 21 years of age under the Medical Assistance program. Clinical consultations are communications from a mental health professional or qualified treatment trainee to another individual to inform, inquire, and instruct on the symptoms, strategies for care and intervention, and treatment expectations for the student and to direct and coordinate clinical service components. This bill adds communications to a parent of the student as reimbursable clinical consultations. The bill defines “parent” as a parent, foster parent, guardian, or a relative who lives with the student and is other than a parent. 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the biennial budget act, eliminated the June 30, 2019, termination date on the clinical consultation reimbursement.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 49.45 **(29y)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “clinical consultation” means, for a
3 student up to age 21, communication from a mental health professional or a qualified
4 treatment trainee working under the supervision of a mental health professional to
5 another individual who is working with the client or to a parent of the student to
6 inform, inquire, and instruct regarding all of the following and to direct and
7 coordinate clinical service components:

8 **SECTION 2.** 49.45 (29y) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

9 49.45 **(29y)** (am) In this subsection, “parent” means any of the following:

- 10 1. A parent.
- 11 2. A foster parent.
- 12 3. A guardian.
- 13 4. A relative, other than a parent, who lives with the student.

14 **SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

15 (1) MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)
16 for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the
17 dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by \$75,600 for reimbursements for
18 mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program. In the
19 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health
20 services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased
21 by \$75,600 for reimbursements for mental health clinical consultations under the
22 Medical Assistance program.

23 **(END)**