



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Wisconsin Shares copayment increase structure

Under current law, if an individual is already receiving a Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy and the individual's family income exceeds the maximum eligible income of 200 percent of the poverty line, the individual will continue to be eligible for the subsidy until or unless the individual's family income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income. Until that time when the individual's income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, the individual's copayment minimum for the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy will increase on a sliding scale based on the amount that the individual's family income increases.

This bill eliminates this copayment increase structure in order to comply with federal rule 89 FR 15366, effective April 30, 2024, which establishes that copayments for individuals receiving a child care subsidy from the federal Child Care and Development Fund may not exceed 7 percent of family income. Under the bill, in general, if an individual is already receiving a Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy and the individual's family income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, the individual is no longer eligible for the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 49.155 (1m) (c) 1d. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.155 (1m) (c) 1d. a. ~~Notwithstanding sub. (5) (b),~~ If the individual is already receiving a child care subsidy under this section and the gross income of the individual's family exceeds 200 percent of the poverty line for a family the size of

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the individual's family, the individual's copayment amount under sub. (5) increases by ~~\$1 for every \$3~~ by which the individual's family's gross income exceeds 200 percent of the poverty line for a family the size of the individual's family. Beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, to the extent that the individual's family's gross income exceeds 200 percent of the poverty line for a family the size of the individual's family, the individual's copayment amount under sub. (5) increases by \$1 for every \$5 individual may still receive a child care subsidy under this section unless the condition in subd. 1d. b. is met.

SECTION 2. 49.155 (1m) (c) 1d. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.155 (1m) (c) 1d. b. ~~Notwithstanding subd. 1d. a., if~~ If the gross income of an individual's family exceeds 85 percent of the state median income for a family the size of the individual's family, the individual is not eligible to receive a child care subsidy under this section.

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