



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0262 - Easy Enrollment Program

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

***Determination of eligibility for Medical Assistance or subsidized health insurance coverage by indicating interest on an individual income tax return***

This bill requires DOR to include questions on an individual income tax return to determine whether the taxpayer or any member of the taxpayer's household does not have health care coverage under a health insurance policy or health plan. If the taxpayer indicates that the taxpayer or any member of the taxpayer's household does not have health care coverage, DOR shall, at the taxpayer's request, forward the taxpayer's response to DHS to have DHS evaluate whether the taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's household is eligible to enroll in the Medical Assistance program or whether the taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's household is eligible for subsidized health insurance coverage through a health insurance marketplace for qualified health plans under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The bill specifies that DHS may not use any information provided to determine that the individual is ineligible to enroll in the Medical Assistance program. The Medical Assistance program is a joint federal and state program that provides health services to individuals with limited financial resources.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 71.03 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

**71.03 (9) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE.** (a) The department shall include

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the following questions and explanatory information on each individual income tax return under this section and a method for the taxpayer to respond to each question:

1. “Are you, your spouse, your dependent children, or any eligible adult child dependent not covered under a health insurance policy, health plan, or other health care coverage? ‘Eligible adult child dependent’ means a child who is under the age of 26 who is a full-time student or a child who is under the age of 27 who is called to active duty in the national guard or armed forces reserve while enrolled as a full-time student.”

2. “If you responded ‘yes’ to question 1, do you want to have evaluated your eligibility for Medical Assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 of the Wisconsin Statutes or your eligibility for subsidized health insurance coverage?”

(b) For each person who responded “yes” to the question under par. (a) 2., the department shall provide that person’s contact information and other relevant information from that person’s individual income tax return to the department of health services to perform an evaluation of that person’s eligibility under the Medical Assistance program under subch. IV of ch. 49 or an evaluation of that person’s eligibility for subsidized health insurance coverage through an exchange, as defined under [45 CFR 155.20](#). The information provided to the department of health services may not be used to determine that the individual is ineligible to enroll in the Medical Assistance program under subch. IV of ch. 49.

**SECTION 2.** 71.78 (4) (w) of the statutes is created to read:

71.78 (4) (w) The secretary of health services and employees of the

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department of health services for the purpose of performing an evaluation under s. 71.03 (9) (b).

**SECTION 9319. Initial applicability; Health Services.**

(1) DETERMINATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY BY INDICATING INTEREST ON AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN. The treatment of ss. 71.03 (9) and 71.78 (4) (w) first applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

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