

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. DCF 21, 37, 50, 55, and 58
Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject
The extension of kinship care and long-term kinship care payments to like-kin and the definition of out-of-home care in child welfare rules

Fiscal Effect
State: No State Government costs Indeterminate
Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sumsufficient appropriation.

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	

Local: No local government costs Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate
This emergency rule extends the eligibility of the Kinship Care program to additional caregivers that were not previously eligible. This is likely to increase participation in the Kinship Care program and result in additional monthly kinship care benefit payments to those caregivers. The Department is not able to estimate the number of additional caregivers who may become eligible under the new rule, and no additional funding was provided in the authorizing state legislation (2023 Wisconsin Act 119), thus, the overall fiscal effect is indeterminant.

The Joint Finance Committee approved the Department's request to transfer an additional \$1,350,000 to the Kinship Care program under Wis. Stats. s. 49.175 (1) (s) to allow for an effective date of January 1, 2025. Additional future funding for the Kinship Care program is re-estimated as a part of the Biennial Budget process.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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