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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 161**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 161**

2023 Assembly Bill 161 creates an appropriation to make payments from the ambulance service provider trust fund to eligible ambulance service providers as specified under 2021 Wisconsin Act 228.

Act 228 created new programs to facilitate supplemental reimbursements under the Medical Assistance (MA) program for both privately owned and public ambulance services. Specific to private ambulance providers, Act 228 created a provider assessment with fees collected going to an ambulance service provider trust fund. Act 228 also directed the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to seek any federal approval needed to implement this new component of the state Medicaid program.

In addition to creating the trust fund appropriation account, the bill requires DHS to begin making payments to eligible ambulance service providers within 60 days of federal approval. The bill also requires the Department of Administration to transfer money annually from the ambulance service provider trust fund to cover the administrative costs associated with administering the ambulance assessment and making supplemental reimbursements to ambulance providers.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 eliminates the requirement that DHS begin making payments to eligible ambulance service providers within 60 days of federal approval.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kurtz offered Assembly Amendment 1 on May 18, 2023. On June 14, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Local Government voted to recommend adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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

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