



## 2019 SENATE BILL 177

April 24, 2019 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, MARKLEIN, OLSEN and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives ROHRKASTE, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, DUCHOW, GUNDRUM, JAMES, MURSAU, NOVAK, PLUMER, SNYDER, TUSLER, VANDERMEER and SKOWRONSKI. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

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

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### *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 until June 30, 2019. 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 a reimbursable clinical consultation. The bill also eliminates the June 30, 2019, termination date on the clinical consultation reimbursement.

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:*

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

**SENATE BILL 177****SECTION 1**

1           49.45 **(29y)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “clinical consultation” means, for a  
2 student up to age 21, communication from a mental health professional or a qualified  
3 treatment trainee working under the supervision of a mental health professional to  
4 another individual who is working with the client or to a parent of the student to  
5 inform, inquire, and instruct regarding all of the following and to direct and  
6 coordinate clinical service components:

7           **SECTION 2.** 49.45 (29y) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

8           **SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

9           (1) MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)  
10 for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the  
11 dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$177,100 to extend the  
12 reimbursement for mental health clinical consultations under the Medical  
13 Assistance program. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the  
14 department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year  
15 2020-21 is increased by \$177,100 to extend the reimbursement for mental health  
16 clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program.

17                                   **(END)**