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2019 SENATE BILL 630

December 19, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Shilling, Johnson, Schachtner, Carpenter, Ringhand, Risser, Smith and L. Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Kolste, Billings, Riemer, Bowen, Subeck, Vining, Anderson, Sargent, Neubauer, Zamarripa, Hebl, Crowley, Goyke, C. Taylor, Brostoff, Considine, Milroy, Pope, Shankland, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stubbs and Vruwink. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

- AN ACT to create 49.471 (6) (bm) of the statutes; relating to: extension of
- 2 BadgerCare Plus benefits to certain postpartum women and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, postpartum women who begin receiving substance abuse-related health services under BadgerCare Plus while pregnant remain eligible for Medical Assistance program benefits through BadgerCare Plus for approximately one year after the last day of the pregnancy, subject to approval by the federal government. This eligibility extension occurs without regard to any changes in the woman's family income. Currently, all postpartum women who are eligible for BadgerCare Plus while pregnant are eligible for BadgerCare Plus benefits for two to three months after the last day of the pregnancy, depending on what day of the month that occurs.

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. 49.471 (6) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

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- 49.471 (6) (bm) 1. Notwithstanding par. (b) and subject to subd. 2., a pregnant woman who is determined to be eligible for benefits under sub. (4) and who receives substance abuse-related health services under the Medical Assistance program while pregnant remains eligible for benefits under sub. (4) for the balance of the pregnancy and to the last day of the month in which the date that is one year after the last day of the pregnancy falls without regard to any change in the woman's family income.
- 2. The department shall submit to the federal department of health and human services any request for a waiver or state plan amendment necessary to implement subd. 1. If approval by the federal department of health and human services is not necessary or if the federal department of health and human services does not disapprove the request, the department shall implement subd. 1. on a date determined by the department. The department may not implement subd. 1. if the federal department of health and human services disapproves the request for a waiver or state plan amendment.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) Extension of Postpartum Benefits. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (4) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by \$332,900 to extend benefits to postpartum women under s. 49.471 (6) (bm).