



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 116

February 24, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, WICHGERS, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, MOSES, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN, TITTL, ROZAR and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, COWLES, L. TAYLOR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT to create** 49.45 (9r) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** reimbursement of  
2             wheelchairs and power mobility devices for recipients of Medical Assistance  
3             who reside in a nursing home.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Health Services is required to promulgate rules that establish which medical supplies and equipment are covered by Medical Assistance and under what conditions they will be reimbursed. This bill establishes more circumstances under which DHS reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of Medical Assistance who resides in a nursing home. Specifically, the bill requires DHS to reimburse a provider for complex rehabilitation technology that is provided to a recipient of Medical Assistance who is a resident of a nursing home when the complex rehabilitation technology will do any of the following:

1. Contribute to the recipient's independent completion of activities of daily living.
2. Support the recipient's vocational, occupational, and psychosocial activities.
3. Provide the recipient the independent ability to move about the nursing home, or to attain or retain self-care.

