

September 14, 1999

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging:

Three administrative rules have been referred to the Committee on Human Services and Aging. The Committee has jurisdiction over these rules for 30 days after referral unless the Committee requests additional time in which to meet with the agency promulgating the rules or publishes a notice that the Committee will hold a hearing to review the proposed rule.

The Medical Examining Board is proposing clearinghouse Rule 99-001. This rule was referred to the Committee on Human Services and Aging on August 26, 1999. It amends chapter Med 8 as required by 1997 Wisconsin Act 67. The new law required the board promulgate rules specifying changing the terms "patient services" to "medical care"; changing the credentialing title from "certification" to "licensure"; and changing the prescribing limitations from "protocols" to "guidelines." The proposed rule also makes form and clarity changes to which questions have arisen and the board feels might best be clarified by minor changes to the rules. The Committee's jurisdiction over this rule expires September 25, 1999. Please let me know by Friday, September 17 if you have an objection to this rule.

The Medical Examining Board is proposing clearinghouse Rule 99-098. This rule was referred to the Committee on Human Services and Aging on August 31, 1999. This rule repeals chapter Med 6 and portions of Med 10 and 13, and amends portions of Med 10, 13, 17 and 21, all relating to the practice of podiatry. The Medical Examining Board is repealing rules relating to podiatrists as a result of 1997 Wisconsin Act 175, which created the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board. References to podiatrists are repealed. The Committee's jurisdiction over this rule expires September 30, 1999. Please let me know by Tuesday, September 21 if you have an objection to this rule.

The Pharmacy Examining Board is proposing clearinghouse Rule 98-187. It was referred to the Committee on Human Services and Aging on September 7, 1999. The rule creates Phar 7.10 to implement s. 450.035 (1r), Stats., as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 68. The statute authorizes pharmacists to administer by injection to patients prescribed drug products or devices in the course of teaching self-administration techniques to

patients. Under the statute, the Pharmacy Examining Board is directed to promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for pharmacists desiring to engage in the administration of drugs or devices. The Committee's jurisdiction over this rule expires October 7, 1999. Please let me know by Friday, October 1 if you have an objection to this rule.

David Austin has replaced Cory Mason in my office as Committee Clerk for the Committee on Human Services and Aging. If you would like to see a copy of any of the rules listed above, please contact David at 6-2253.

Sincerely,

Senator Judith B. Robson

Chair, Committee on Human Services and Aging