

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-2653/1	Introduction Number SB-177
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Description
 mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill modifies the Wisconsin Medicaid mental health clinical consultation benefit established by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 (the 2017-19 biennial budget). This benefit provides reimbursement to mental health professionals for communications they provide, related to a student up to age 21, to another individual working with the student to inform, inquire, and instruct regarding the client's symptoms, strategies for engagement, and treatment expectations and to coordinated clinical service components. Current statutory language provides a sunset date for this benefit of June 30, 2019.

This bill removes the sunset date of this provision and includes parents in the list of those to whom a mental health professional can provide a consultation and receive Medicaid reimbursement.

The Department implemented this benefit starting with claims for service on or after July 1, 2018. As a result, the Department does not have a history of expenditures sufficient to account for the full period of time in which providers may submit claims nor to assess whether for the initial growth in monthly expenditures will continue or subside.

For services provided in the month of October 2018, the Department spent \$10,200 on this benefit on a fee-for-service basis and through contracted managed care organizations. Assuming some continued growth in monthly expenditures and including additional costs related to allowing mental health professionals to claim reimbursement for consultations with parents, the Department could reasonably expect to spend \$44,400 per month on this benefit after June 30, 2019. The net annual cost to the Department would be \$421,700 AF (\$177,100 GPR).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications