



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 499**

November 27, 1995 - Offered by Representative MEYER.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 50.49 (6) (a); *to repeal and recreate* 50.49 (6) (title); and *to*  
2           *create* 50.49 (1) (bm) and 50.49 (6) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** licensure  
3           of home health agencies that are deemed by the federal health care financing  
4           administration to meet certain standards because they have been accredited by  
5           certain recognized entities.

***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

6           **SECTION 1.** 50.49 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:  
7           50.49 (1) (bm) "Medicare" means the program under 42 USC 1395 to 1395ccc.  
8           **SECTION 2.** 50.49 (6) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:  
9           50.49 (6) (title) LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.  
10          **SECTION 3.** 50.49 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
11          50.49 (6) (a) The Except as provided in par. (am), the department shall issue  
12          a license if the applicant is fit and qualified, and if the home health agencies meet  
13          the requirements established by this section. The department, or its designated

1 representatives, shall make such inspections and investigations as are necessary to  
2 determine the conditions existing in each case and file written reports.

3 **SECTION 4.** 50.49 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

4 50.49 (6) (am) If a home health agency presents to the department proof of  
5 receipt of accreditation from any entity that is currently recognized by the federal  
6 health care financing administration as providing accreditation that is deemed to  
7 meet standards for participation under medicare and if the home health agency  
8 meets the requirements of pars. (b) and (c), all of the following apply:

9 1. The home health agency is eligible for licensure or for renewal of licensure  
10 and the department shall issue a license for the next full licensure period  
11 immediately following the date of issuance of accreditation for the home health  
12 agency.

13 2. The home health agency is excepted from the licensure process under par.  
14 (a) for the licensure period specified in subd. 1. but remains subject to the fit and  
15 qualified standard for operation under the requirements of par. (a) and remains  
16 subject to the department's authority to make inspections and investigations and  
17 otherwise regulate under this section.

18 3. The home health agency shall, within 10 days after receiving accreditation,  
19 submit to the department copies of all materials, including, if available, inspection  
20 reports of the accrediting entity, that are related to the home health agency's receipt  
21 of accreditation.

22 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

23 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 1996, or on the day after publication,  
24 whichever is later.

25 (END)