



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 305**

October 18, 2017 - Offered by Representative VANDERMEER.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (1) (dj) and 146.675 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for language interpretation in health care settings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This substitute amendment requires the Department of Health Services to create a grant program for language interpretation services provided in medical clinics and hospitals that are located in rural areas or that serve medically underserved populations.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2017-18 2018-19

1 **20.435 Health services, department of**

2 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, REGULATION,
3 AND DELIVERY

4 (dj) Grants for interpretation ser-
5 vices

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6 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (1) (dj) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.435 (1) (dj) *Grants for interpretation services.* The amounts in the schedule
8 to provide grants for interpretation services under s. 146.675.

9 **SECTION 3.** 146.675 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **146.675 Grants for interpretation services.** (1) In this section:

11 (a) “Medically underserved population” has the meaning given in 42 CFR
12 51c.102 (e).

13 (b) “Rural area” means any of the following:

14 1. A city, town, or village in this state that has a population of less than 20,000
15 and that is at least 15 miles from any city, town, or village that has a population of
16 at least 20,000.

17 2. An area in this state that is not an urbanized area, as defined by the federal
18 bureau of the census.

19 (2) The department shall create a program to provide grants to reimburse
20 medical clinics and hospitals for language interpretation services provided to
21 patients at those clinics and hospitals. To be eligible for a grant under this section,
22 a medical clinic or hospital shall satisfy all of the following criteria:

1 (a) The medical clinic or hospital is located in a rural area or serves a medically
2 underserved population.

3 (b) The language interpretation services provided at the medical clinic or
4 hospital comply with 42 USC 2000d.

5 **(3)** The department shall allow a medical clinic or hospital that receives a grant
6 under this section discretion in the provision of language interpretation services,
7 including allowing services to be provided in-person by a clinic or hospital employee
8 or by a contractor or over an Internet connection.

9 **(4)** From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (dj), beginning in fiscal year
10 2018-19 the department shall distribute \$100,000 in each fiscal year for grants
11 under sub. (2).

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(END)