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SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2, TO SENATE BILL 177

December 19, 2019 - Offered by Senator Darling.

AN ACT to amend 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.); and to create 49.45 (29y) (am) of the statutes; relating to: mental health clinical consultations under the Medical Assistance program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Health Services to reimburse clinical consultations for students who are under 21 years of age under the Medical Assistance program. Clinical consultations are communications from a mental health professional or qualified treatment trainee to another individual to inform, inquire, and instruct on the symptoms, strategies for care and intervention, and treatment expectations for the student and to direct and coordinate clinical service components. This bill adds communications to a parent of the student as reimbursable clinical consultations. The bill defines "parent" as a parent, foster parent, guardian, or a relative who lives with the student and is other than a parent. 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the biennial budget act, eliminated the June 30, 2019, termination date on the clinical consultation reimbursement.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 49.45 (29y) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 2 49.45 (29v) (a) (intro.) In this subsection, "clinical consultation" means, for a 3 student up to age 21, communication from a mental health professional or a qualified 4 treatment trainee working under the supervision of a mental health professional to 5 another individual who is working with the client or to a parent of the student to 6 inform, inquire, and instruct regarding all of the following and to direct and 7 coordinate clinical service components: **Section 2.** 49.45 (29y) (am) of the statutes is created to read: 8 9 49.45 (29v) (am) In this subsection, "parent" means any of the following: 1. A parent. 10 11 2. A foster parent. 12 3. A guardian. 13 4. A relative, other than a parent, who lives with the student.

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