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2003 Wisconsin Act 318 [2003 Senate Bill 567]	Medical Assistance and Community Aids Funding
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2003 Wisconsin Act 318 modified funding levels for Medical Assistance (MA) and community aids for counties to partially reduce a projected funding shortfall under MA.

Under the Act, state payments to counties for community aids are reduced. A portion of the reduction is used to match federal MA funds for payment adjustments to counties for services, provided by counties, that are covered under MA, and additional funds are used to match federal MA funds for base MA benefits. The payment adjustments to counties for MA-covered services are retroactive to January 1, 2003 and the provisions authorizing the adjustments are repealed ("sunsetted") as of January 1, 2006.

The provisions of the Act that relate to MA payment adjustments to counties were made contingent on approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Approval by CMS was granted in June 2004. In addition, the Act repealed statutes relating to an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program created in 2003 Wisconsin Act 33 (the 2003-05 Biennial Budget Act), for which approval was not granted by CMS.

Additional details about 2003 Senate Bill 567, the bill that resulted in Act 318 (and a companion bill, 2003 Assembly Bill 996), are provided in a Legislative Fiscal Bureau memorandum, which is available at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/2003-05Bills/051904_MA.pdf.

Effective Date: The Act has a general effective date of June 2, 2004, except that certain provisions take effect on January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.