

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 211 [2005 Assembly Bill 981]

Medical Assistance Re-Estimates

2005 Wisconsin Act 211 reduces general purpose revenue (GPR) funding for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits by \$63,516,600 in 2005-06 and by \$103,900 in 2006-07, to reflect re-estimates of the amount of GPR funding needed to support MA benefits in the 2005-07 biennium. The bills also transfer \$51,364,200 in 2005-06 and \$25,383,900 in 2006-07 from the general fund to the MA trust fund to eliminate the projected revenue shortfall in the fund.

Act 211 also increases the GPR appropriation for MA by \$10,118,000 for fiscal year 2006-07 to increase funding for reimbursement for care provided by nursing homes or community based residential facilities (CBRFs) to MA recipients. In addition, Act 211 increases the GPR appropriation by \$1,285,400 for fiscal year 2005-06 to provide a one-time supplement to reimbursement under MA for care provided by nursing homes and CBRFs, based on each facility's proportionate share of numbers of MA recipient patient days in fiscal year 2004-05.

Effective Date: Act 211 takes effect on April 11, 2006.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.