



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 190
[2009 Assembly Bill 770]

**Assessment on Critical Access
Hospitals**

Act 190 creates an assessment on critical access hospitals and directs the revenue raised through this assessment to be used for the following:

- Payments to critical access hospitals for services provided under Medicaid;
- Funding for the health care provider loan assistance program for providers who agree to practice in a rural area of the state and for a new rural physician resident assistance program. The Act allocates \$250,000 to the health care provider loan assistance program and \$750,000 to the rural physician resident assistance program in fiscal year 2010-2011. A “rural area” is defined as either a city, town, or village that has a population of less than 20,000 and that is at least 15 miles from any city, town, or village that has a population of at least 20,000; or an area that is not an urbanized area, as defined by the Federal Census Bureau; and
- A transfer to the Medicaid Trust Fund.

Act 190 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to submit a state Medicaid plan amendment to the federal government to implement this assessment. Act 190 specifies that if the federal government disapproves the state plan amendment, DHS must discontinue the assessment and refund any assessment revenue collected.

Effective date: Act 190 takes effect on July 1, 2010.

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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: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.