

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 276 [2015 Senate Bill 402]

Dietetic Internship Program

2015 Wisconsin Act 276 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish a dietetic internship program under the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children (WIC), through which qualified nutritionists working for DHS or a local WIC agency may obtain experience necessary to become a registered dietitian nutritionist.

The Act specifies that each participant in the dietetic internship program must agree to work for WIC for 24 months after completion of the internship. A participant in the dietetic internship program must reimburse either DHS or the local WIC agency for any incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship if the participant either: (1) fails to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of completing the dietetic internship; or (2) voluntarily terminates his or her employment before 24 months has expired.

The Act also specifies that the dietetic internship program established must be established using money received from the federal government for WIC and authorizes DHS to create one new full-time position for the purpose of administration of the dietetic internship program.

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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.wisconsin.gov</u>.