



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 241

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 241

2017 Assembly Bill 241 creates an exception to the income limit for participation in Wisconsin Shares.

Under current law, a family receiving the childcare subsidy pays a sliding copayment amount based on family size and income, and becomes ineligible for the subsidy if family income exceeds 200% of the federal poverty level for the family size.

The bill allows a family to continue to receive the subsidy if family income exceeds 200% of the federal poverty level, but requires the copayment amount to be increased by \$1 for every \$3 by which the family income exceeds 200% of the federal poverty level for the family size.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that a family becomes ineligible for the childcare subsidy if family income exceeds 85% of state median income for the family size.

Assembly Amendment 1 also specifies that a foster parent or relative who is caring for a child for whom the childcare subsidy is received may continue to receive the subsidy under the graduated copayment schedule specified in the bill based on the child's biological or adoptive family income, as is done for the initial applicability determination.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Rodriguez offered Assembly Amendment 1 on April 20, 2017. That same day, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of the

amendment, and recommended passage of Assembly Bill 241, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

On April 24, 2017, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of the amendment, and recommended passage of Assembly Bill 241, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

On May 10, 2017, the Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 97; Noes, 0.

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