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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 720**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1 and 2**

### 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 720

2021 Assembly Bill 720 allows a person who has served as an Army medic, Navy or Coast Guard corpsman, or Air Force aerospace medical technician to perform certain skilled health services, with supervision, at an inpatient or outpatient health care facility while in the process of obtaining a health care credential.

The person must enter into a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with the employer. The MOU must specify the person’s scope of practice, and the employer must retain all supervision and responsibility for the care of patients. A physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, registered professional nurse, or advanced practice nurse prescriber must supervise the person.

The person must submit a reasonable timeline to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) for obtaining the credential, describing the specific actions that will be taken to obtain it. Credentials can be obtained as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, physician, podiatrist, or physician assistant.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 authorizes DSPS to promulgate any rules necessary for the administration of this program. The amendment also authorizes DSPS to promulgate emergency rules without a finding of an emergency and allows the emergency rules to remain in effect through December 1, 2023, or the date on which permanent rules are promulgated, whichever is sooner. The amendment similarly authorizes the Medical Examining Board to promulgate emergency rules in the same manner to establish minimum standards for military medical personnel participating in the program.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 allows community-based residential facilities and residential care apartment complexes to participate in the program, in addition to the inpatient and outpatient health care facilities already included in the bill.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Summerfield offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 5, 2022, and offered Assembly Amendment 2 on January 12, 2022. On January 12, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of both amendments, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0. On January 20, 2022, the Assembly adopted both amendments on voice votes, and then passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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