



State of Wisconsin
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 510

November 13, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives HINTZ, JAGLER, HESSELBEIN, MILROY, ZAMARRIPA, SINICKI, BROSTOFF, SHANKLAND, POPE, CONSIDINE, HEBL, OHNSTAD, WACHS, BILLINGS, SPREITZER, KAHL, JOHNSON, MASON, MURPHY, BARNES, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, KOLSTE, GOYKE, GENRICH, DOYLE, BOWEN and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, SHILLING, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR, LASSA, WIRCH, HARRIS DODD, C. LARSON and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.40 (2) (a); and *to create* 45.40 (2) (d), 45.40 (6) and 45.40
2 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** health care aid for certain veterans and their
3 family members.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to provide needy veterans and their eligible family members with health care aid related to mental illness or treatment for substance abuse. Under current law, that aid is limited to dental, vision, and hearing care. The bill also requires DVA to provide a voucher for care related to mental illness or treatment for substance abuse within 48 hours after a request for such care, including private and emergency counseling, family and marriage counseling, and suicide prevention. The bill also exempts family members of deceased veterans from certain residency requirements before receiving health care aid from DVA and authorizes DVA, at the determination of the county veterans service officer, to waive income and other financial reporting requirements to receive that aid.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

