



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 1023

February 23, 2022 - Introduced by Senator TESTIN, cosponsored by Representative KRUG. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** federal financial participation for health services for Afghan
2 refugees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to request from the federal Department of Health and Human Services any federal approval necessary to extend the full federal financial participation that is provided for health services provided through the state's Medical Assistance program to Afghan refugees from eight months to five years. DHS must report to the legislature the resolution of its request to the federal DHHS. The Medical Assistance program, also known as Medicaid, is a joint state and federal program that provides health services primarily to individuals who have limited financial resources.

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:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) The department of health services shall request from the federal
5 department of health and human services any waiver of federal law or other federal

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1 approval necessary to extend from 8 months to 5 years the full federal financial
2 participation for health services provided through the state's Medical Assistance
3 program to Afghan refugees arriving in this state on or after July 31, 2021. The
4 department of health services shall report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) the
5 resolution of the request under this subsection.

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