

### Medicaid

1. **Direct Care Workforce.** The Governor's budget proposes to address the workforce shortage in personal care by increasing the reimbursement rate by 4%, less than the 15% rate increase advocates requested. The reimbursement rate has only increased by \$0.24 over the past 14 years. The Governor provides \$6,197,100 GPR (\$15 million all funds) to increase the personal care rate by 2% in each year of the biennium. It appears the MAPC rate would increase to \$16.40 on July 1, 2017 and then to \$16.72 on July 1, 2018.
2. **Medicaid Expansion.** Accept federal funding to expand Medicaid. Wisconsin is at risk of being penalized in a block grant scenario since we did not accept the increased federal funding to expand Medicaid eligibility. The 32 states that accepted these federal funds will benefit from a higher base funding amount if Congress acts to create block grants. Wisconsin must act now to ensure that we are not disadvantaged in a block grant scenario.
3. **BadgerCare Work Requirements.** Requires DHS to submit an amendment to their 1115 waiver request to require BadgerCare childless adults to participate in employment or job training activities in addition to the other requirement outlined in the waiver (drug testing, 48 month enrollment cap, premiums, etc). It is estimated that this will result in 49,200 Medicaid childless adults being referred to job training and employment services.
4. **Medicaid Purchase Plan.** The Governor recommends strengthening the work requirements for people with disabilities who are enrolled in the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) program by requiring verification of work and in-kind work, minimizing the number of MAPP members who might lose access to Medicaid by increasing the medically needy eligibility limit to 100 percent of the federal poverty level, strengthening the Health and Employment and Counseling program by providing additional funding and position authority, and eliminating the premium cliff by implementing a standard premium for enrollees. This item is part of the Wisconsin Works for Everyone initiative.
5. Every individual receiving **MAPP** benefits must pay a premium of \$25 per month unless the premium would be an undue hardship, as determined by DHS. If someone's income is over 100% of the Federal Poverty Level they must also pay 3% of his or her adjusted earned and unearned income that exceeds 100 percent of the FPL. Excludes actual out-of-pocket medical and remedial expenses, long-term care costs, and impairment-related work expenses from income for purposes of determining the premium for MAPP and excludes from income for purposes of determining eligibility under MAPP medical and remedial expenditures and long-term care costs in excess of \$500 per month that would be incurred by the individual in absence of coverage under MAPP or a Medicaid long-term care program.

6. **FoodShare Work Requirements, Drug Testing and Asset Limit.** Allows the Department of Children and Families to require additional groups of able-bodied adults to meet work or job training requirements in order to receive FoodShare (food stamp) benefits on a pilot basis. Currently, the state requires able-bodied adults without dependent children to work 80 hours per month or enroll in the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Program in order to remain eligible for the program. The budget proposal would open this up to able-bodied adults with children. In addition, the budget would refer all eligible able-bodied adults to the FSET program. The budget also requires DCF to develop administrative rules that would require all able-bodied adults (with or without dependents) to undergo drug screening and testing in order to be eligible for the program. It also places a \$25,000 cap on assets for individuals who are not elderly, blind or have a disability.
7. **Stakeholder Input.** Require stakeholder input and Joint Finance Committee approval of any proposed changes to Medicaid, including the potential structure of a Medicaid block grant or per capita cap.

### **Children with Disabilities**

1. **Wait lists.** The Governor recommends \$39 million to improve access to care by eliminating the waiting list for long-term supports for all children with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities or severe emotional disturbances. The Governor also recommends implementing reforms to increase efficiency of service delivery and to develop an equitable funding methodology to ensure county funding remains within the program.
2. **Birth to 3.** The Governor recommends increasing Medicaid reimbursement for Birth to 3 by allowing the Birth to 3 allocation to be used for the nonfederal share of any newly implemented Birth to 3 Medicaid services. The Governor also recommends authorizing the department to submit any Medicaid state plan amendment that increases Medicaid reimbursement for Birth to 3.
3. **Wisconsin Works for Everyone initiative.** Concern with impact of childless adult work requirements for young adults with disabilities 18+ who might still be in school or exiting foster care. The Governor recommends requiring recipients of Medicaid health benefits who are childless adults participate in job training and employment assistance services.

### **Mental Health**

1. **School Mental Health.**
  - a. \$3m in FY19 for additional school social worker service, to aid in the provision and expansion of mental health services. Wisconsin falls far below the recommended staffing levels for school social workers.
  - b. \$2.5m in FY19 to create a grant program for connecting students with community-based health services. These grants would allow districts to create integrated mental health programs.
  - c. \$1m across the biennium to support training opportunities aimed at increasing school capacity to provide mental health screening and intervention services to students:

- d. Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
  - e. Trauma Sensitive Schools
  - f. Youth Mental Health First Aid
  - g. \$300,000 across the biennium in grant funding for online bullying-prevention curriculum. The program in question is the Act Now! curriculum created by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
2. **Children's Crisis Treatment & Stabilization Facilities.** The Governor recommends creating youth crisis stabilization facilities, which have a maximum of eight beds and which admit youth in order to prevent or de-escalate mental health crisis and avoid admission to a more restrictive setting. \$249,100 in FY18 would provide for converting one group home into a crisis stabilization facility, with additional facilities to be created with FY19 funding of \$996,400.
  3. **Child Psychiatry Consultation Program.** The Governor recommends increasing funding to \$1M for the Child Psychiatry Consultation Program, which supports primary care providers to provide mental health care for children and youth via consultative support from child psychiatrists, child psychologists and social workers, to expand services and deliver better informed mental health care for children.

## Corrections

1. **Juvenile Mental Health Services (Copper Lake School).** The Governor recommends increasing expenditure and position authority for expanding mental health services for girls at Copper Lake School, for \$557,000 across the biennium. The increase would redress an imbalance between services available for male and female juvenile inmates. Youth with mental health conditions are significantly overrepresented in juvenile corrections, with some estimates as high as 75%.

## Education

1. Increases per pupil aid \$250 per pupil to \$450 per pupil in FY18 and \$654 in FY19. This will benefit students with disabilities who receive the majority of their education in the regular education classroom.
2. No increase for special education categorical aid or high cost special education categorical aid.
3. Increases per pupil payments by \$217 per student in the parental choice (voucher) programs, including in the special needs voucher program.
4. Eliminates the renewal process for teacher licensing which would create lifetime teacher licensing.
5. Limits enrollment in virtual schools by excluding students with truancy issues which may be due to disability.
6. Youth in Transition
  - a. Funds the Transition Incentive Grant program, which provides payment to school districts based on postsecondary education and employment outcomes for pupils with disabilities. (\$6.1 Million)
  - b. Establishes a new grant program to support school districts in identifying and creating competitive work opportunities for pupils with disabilities and successfully placing those pupils in meaningful work opportunities. (\$1.5 million)