

DHS -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- MA ADMINISTRATION AND FOODSHARE

Income Maintenance Centralization and FoodShare
[LFB Paper #355]

Motion:

Move to modify the bill as follows:

1. Reduce funding by \$10,643,600 (-\$4,240,400 GPR and -\$6,403,200 FED) in 2011-12 and by -\$12,619,600 (\$9,243,800 GPR and -\$21,863,400 FED) in 2012-13, and provide 213.00 positions (106.50 GPR and 106.50 FED) beginning in 2011-12 to reflect the net funding changes associated with the administration's revised proposal relating to the administration of the income maintenance (IM) programs in the 2011-13 biennium.

2. In addition, provide \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 GPR and \$1,000,000 FED) in 2012-13 to support fraud prevention and program integrity activities, including the following: (a) \$1,330,000 (\$655,000 GPR and \$655,000 FED) in 2012-13 to fund 19.00 state positions (9.50 GPR positions and 9.50 FED positions), beginning in 2012-13; (b) \$500,000 (\$250,000 GPR and \$250,000 FED) in 2012-13 to fund contracts with counties and tribes to support these activities; and (c) \$170,000 (\$85,000 GPR and \$85,000 FED) in 2012-13 to contract for these services with other entities.

3. Delete all provisions in the bill relating to centralizing IM functions and transferring administration of the FoodShare program from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), as described in the following items in the LFB summary of the Governor's budget bill: Page 86, #5, page 108, #16, Page 228, #1, and page 235, #6.

Formation of Multi-County Consortia

4. Require all counties other than Milwaukee County, no later than October 1, 2011, to organize into no more than 10 multi-county consortia for purposes of administering IM programs. Require DHS to approve the composition of these consortia no later than October 31, 2011.

5. Require DHS to enter into contracts with these consortia to administer IM programs beginning January 1, 2012. Specify that in those contracts, the consortia shall have the following responsibilities: (a) call/change center functions; (b) application processing and eligibility determinations; (c) ongoing case management; and (d) lobby services. DHS shall distribute funding to the consortia to perform these responsibilities on a risk-adjusted caseload basis.

6. Specify that beginning January 1, 2012, the state's responsibilities with respect to administration of the IM programs shall include the following: (a) statewide IM training; (b) statewide second-party reviews; (c) administration of the Wisconsin funeral and cemetery aids program; (d) information technology and licenses for the call/change centers; (e) CARES system design and maintenance; (f) contracting with counties and/or consortia for county and/or consortia functions, including establishing performance requirements; (g) county/consortia contract monitoring, performance measurement, and federal and other reporting; and (h) operation of the document processing unit. Require DHS to relocate the document processing unit outside of Dane County no later than July 1, 2012.

7. Specify that responsibilities to be shared between DHS and the consortia will include the following: (a) subrogation and benefit recovery; (b) fair hearings; and (c) fraud prevention and identification.

8. Require that in calendar year 2012 and in calendar year 2013, counties other than Milwaukee County shall contribute funds to their respective consortia for the administration of IM programs in an amount that is at least equal to the amount the county expended for those purposes ("local overmatch") in calendar year 2009.

9. Provide that in the event a county does not participate in a consortium, or that DHS determines that a consortium does not meet performance requirements, DHS shall assume responsibility for providing IM services in that county or that consortium either by contracting with another consortium or by providing the services with state resources and employees. Further, provide that if DHS assumes responsibility for providing IM services in a county, that county shall be required to pay DHS the amount of the county's local overmatch in calendar year 2009.

Milwaukee County

10. Require DHS to operate the Milwaukee County IM system as a single-county consortium that will be responsible for the same activities as other consortia.

11. Effective January 1, 2012, repeal statutory provisions which currently require Milwaukee County to expend at least \$2,700,000 annually for the operation of IM programs in the county. Beginning in calendar year 2012, reduce Milwaukee County's basic county allocation (BCA) under the community aids program by \$2,700,000 annually.

12. Provide the following with respect to Milwaukee County employees performing services for the Milwaukee County Enrollment Services Unit (MilES): (a) direct DHS to replace those Milwaukee County positions with state positions; (b) specify that Milwaukee County employees who are hired into state positions shall be immediately eligible for health benefits under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), and further specify that those employees who have not vested in the Milwaukee County retirement system shall be able to use their years of service in Milwaukee County for purposes of determining retirement eligibility and benefits under the WRS, but prohibit them from remaining in the Milwaukee County retirement system; and (c) prohibit

Milwaukee County employees who have previously transitioned to state positions with MILES from continuing to participate in the Milwaukee County retirement system, but allow those employees to use their years of service for purposes of determining retirement eligibility and benefits under the WRS.

13. Delete current law provisions that require DHS and Milwaukee County, within six months after the dismissal of the West litigation, to identify the standards required for county operation of the IM programs in the county and to initiate discussions regarding who shall operate the IM programs in the county in the future and how those programs shall be operated.

Legislative Audit

14. Require the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit of the statewide IM administration system with respect to timeliness, program integrity, and efficiency, and to present its report to the Joint Committee on Finance no later than March 1, 2013.

Kenosha County Local Overmatch

15. Provide \$3,000,000 GPR in 2012-13 for administration of the IM programs. Specify that Kenosha County will be required to contribute \$673,000 in local funds to its IM consortium in calendar year 2012 and calendar year 2013.

Note:

[Change to Bill: \$9,003,400 GPR and -\$27,266,600 FED; 213.00 positions (106.50 GPR positions and 106.50 FED positions) in 2011-12 and 232.00 positions (116.00 GPR positions and 116.00 FED positions) in 2012-13]

