



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 49.471 (6) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** extension of
2 BadgerCare Plus benefits to certain postpartum women and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, postpartum women who begin receiving substance abuse-related health services under BadgerCare Plus while pregnant remain eligible for Medical Assistance program benefits through BadgerCare Plus for approximately one year after the last day of the pregnancy, subject to approval by the federal government. This eligibility extension occurs without regard to any changes in the woman's family income. Currently, all postpartum women who are eligible for BadgerCare Plus while pregnant are eligible for BadgerCare Plus benefits for two to three months after the last day of the pregnancy, depending on what day of the month that occurs.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 49.471 (6) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

