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Sen. Testin has three bipartisan bills signed into law

MADISON, Wis. – For the second day in a row, Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) has had at least three bills – all of which received bipartisan support – signed into law.

The first, SB 416, removes an antiquated requirement that is necessary for county veterans service offices to obtain grant funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Before this law was enacted, a county veterans service officer had to take a civil service examination in order for their county to be eligible for DVA grant funds,” Sen. Testin said. “However, this test covers very little of what a county veterans service officer’s job duties actually entail and simply has no real purpose. It’s well past time that we get rid of this bureaucratic red tape, streamline the grant distribution process and quickly get our veterans the resources they need.”

The second bill, SB 476, codifies current administrative code so that Wisconsin-licensed healthcare providers located outside the state have the power of statute behind them when attempting to enroll in the Medical Assistance program.

Earlier this session, new Medicaid rules were finalized that allow healthcare organizations that do not have a physical address in Wisconsin to apply for certification as a Medical Assistance provider so they can treat Medical Assistance recipients via telehealth. These healthcare professionals must hold a Wisconsin license and be in good standing with their respective licensing boards.

Under SB 476, the Department of Health Services is prohibited from requiring out-of-state healthcare providers to maintain a physical location in Wisconsin to register for the Medical Assistance program.

The third bill, SB 592, increases the reimbursement rate under the Medical Assistance program for complex rehab technology equipment.

Complex rehab technology, or CRT, consists of medically necessary and individually configured products and services designed to meet the unique medical and functional needs of individuals with disabilities.

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