



PATRICK TESTIN

STATE SENATOR

April 15, 2020

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Mr. Evers

This letter is in regards to your Open Records request received on April 10, 2020, in which you request:

- 1. All email communications sent by the Senator, the Senator's chief of staff, or anyone serving as a health, elections, or coronavirus advisor to the Senator, that contain the following terms*: a. Safe* b. Health* c. Contagious d. Infectio* e. Corona* f. Virus* g. Covid h. "Covid-19" i. Sick* j. Kelly k. Karofsky l. Court* m. justicedanielkelly.com n. wisgop* o. GOP* p. Republican* q. RNC r. DNC s. Dem* t. Biden u. Sanders v. Bernie w. Primar* x. "Executive order" y. EO z. Election* aa. Vote* bb. Voting cc. Absentee dd. Mail* ee. Ballot* ff. Signature* gg. Witness* hh. WEC ii. Confine* jj. poll* kk. Death* ll. "Special session" mm. Emergenc* nn. "Turn-out" oo. "Turn out" pp. Turnout qq. Guard* rr. Trump ss. POTUS tt. "White House" uu. Tuesday vv. "April 7" ww. "July 9" xx. Line* yy. feet zz. foot aaa. ft bbb. Distanc* ccc. Quarantin* ddd. Isolat* eee. PPE fff. Evers ggg. Milwaukee hhh. Madison iii. "at home" jjj. Vulnerable*
- 2. All records reflecting communications sent or received by (a) the Senator, the Senator's chief of staff, or anyone serving as a health, elections, or coronavirus advisor to the Senator and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the Republican National Committee (RNC), including but not limited to anyone communicating with an email address ending in "gop.com."*

We have finished compiling these records. There are a total of 354 pages. If you would like to pick it up, it is available at the Senate Chief Clerk's Office located at B23 Southeast in State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin. If you would like it mailed to you, there will be a cost for postage. Please contact the Clerk's office at 608-266-2517 if you choose this option.

I am waiving the location and copy fee for this request.

Please contact my office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Testin
State Senator
24th Senate District

Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Testin, Patrick
Cc: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: FW: Still waiting

Pat:

We are at a dead end here. This guy has been wanting to talk to you. Me and Nat have been working to solve the issue, but we are at a dead end. Do you want to talk to him?

Jim

From: Deej Lundgren [dlundgren@uwsa.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: Re: Still waiting

Hi Jim,

We have tried everything to find a solution but we are unable to do anything with the current statutory requirements.

Yes, a prorated amount of housing and dining will be refunded to all students who paid in advance (as long as they have vacated the dormitory). I am not entirely sure it's a "breach of contract" but we did do what we thought was best to keep our students safe.

Thanks Jim and please let me know if there's anything else you need from us.

Stay healthy!

Deej

From: Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Deej Lundgren <dlundgren@uwsa.edu>
Subject: FW: Still waiting

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Deej:

Any final thoughts or answers for this gentleman? Also, did I see something about the campuses issuing refunds for housing (pro-rated)?

Thanks,
Jim Emerson
Senator Testin's Office
608-266-3123

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Still waiting

Not sure what to do here –

Ultimately he wants the residency requirement waived in statute for veterans/children of veterans if things cannot be resolved with UW System.

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
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From: Michael Todryk <mikedtodryk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Still waiting

I am still waiting for word on a waiver or exception to "rule" based on multiple extenuating circumstances.

Furthermore now with Covid 19 restrictions and campus closures, my "nonresident" daughter is residing at home (10995 County Highway II Sparta WI). I paid full out of state tuition for in person classes and was required to pay for daughter to live in dorms. With the breach of contract, how will families be compensated and refunded?

Please have the professional courage to follow up and through with this until completely resolved. After all, is that not what you expected of me when I served the United States of America in the Army around the world?

Mike Todryk
Sapper Light

Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Cc: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: FW: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19
Attachments: DCF COVID Request.doc

Can I say in the email to Becky Helf that you will be advocating for the nonstat language in the legislative package?

Jim

From: Liedl, Kimber
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Hi, Jim, here's the background on what's going on. The CARES Act provides Wisconsin with \$51 million that can go towards a number of things, including child care center relief to help them stay open/reopen once the emergency order is lifted.

In the Wisconsin state legislative COVID bill, we will need to adopt nonstat language to allow DCF to spend the money in the ways recommended by the federal government:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/summary-of-child-care-provisions-of-cares-act>
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If we don't include that language in the bill, then it will be difficult for the department to get the allocated federal dollars to child care centers like Becky's. Senator Testin may want to encourage the inclusion of that nonstat language in our legislative package (it's not a sure thing yet) so that your constituent and others can get the needed relief, stay open, and enable the parents of the children in their care to go to work once the emergency order is lifted.

Let me know if you have any additional questions. I also attached DCF's legislative request to this email.
Kimber

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Liedl, Kimber
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Subject: FW: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

What should we convey to Becky?

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Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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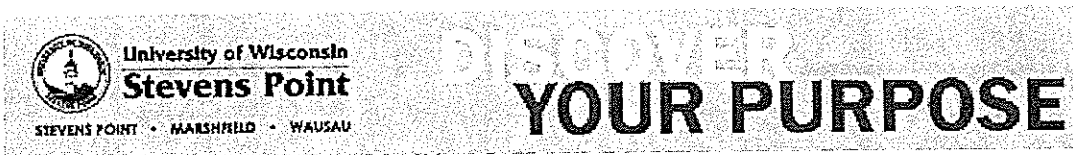
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Please provide some direction...

Thank you,

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From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:45 AM

To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mark Tyler <MarkT@oemfab.com>

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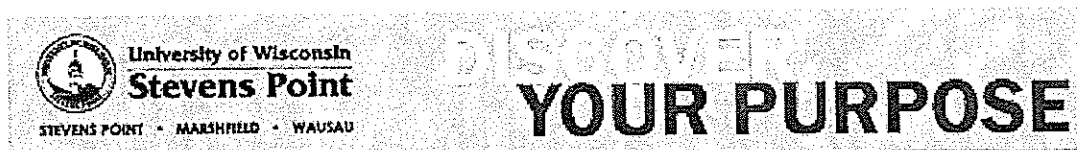
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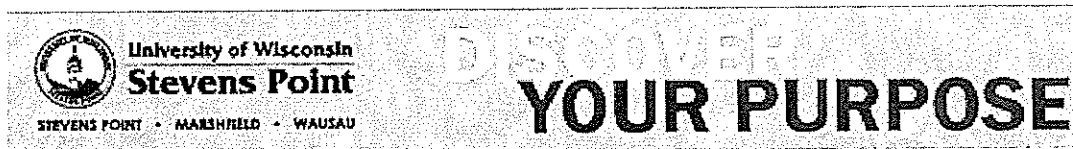
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Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie; Testin, Patrick
Subject: RE: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE

Pat:
Do you have anybody in district who would like to talk to this gentleman?

If not, I think we put him in touch with DHS, or DOA.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:06 PM
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Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE

Pat & Jim,

Do we have any contacts we would like to put Neil in contact with? Do we want to share those in the District and then check with DHS after?

Best,

From: Neil Denny Jr <Neil.Denny@chemsearchfe.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE
Importance: High

Dear Senator Testin,

Not sure if you remember me from when you attended a few of our Eagle Scout Ceremonies in Plover, WI over the years while I was Scoutmaster of Troop 201 of St. Bronislava Parish.

The reason I am reaching out to you today is that I work for the Chemsearch Division of NCH Corp. We are a family owned 100 year old chemical manufacturer headquartered in Irving, TX. The company has put our resources to work to help local reps, such as myself a 31 year resident of Plover, provide our customers, local communities and State level departments access to much sought after PPE masks during this truly trying time for our communities. We just maxed out the 1.5 million masks we have arriving soon but I just found out that my company has ordered another shipment that is scheduled to arrive the week of April 27th. I have attached the important certification information on the KN-95 masks mentioned in attached info sheet. Please reference the email below for more information.

A few local communities have reached out to me placing orders but I thought contacting you may help get the word out to a broader group of contacts at the State and local level. Not sure the best way to do this since I have not approached things this way before. If you can provide me some direction on who to contact I can take it from there.

By no means am I looking for an endorsement or anything special, just a nudge in the right direction to get to the appropriate points of contact if you are able.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Neil I. Denny Jr.
Facility Reliability Specialist
34 Years of Service
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(This is the email I have been sending to customers and I am happy to say we have been able to help many local businesses get set up to receive these important items.)

Good afternoon ,

Please forward if needed.

I received an email late yesterday from our Safety and Maintenance Supply catalogue division.
As an important customer of mine I wanted to pass this information on to you. **Both these masks are FDA Certified and NIOSH tested and certified.**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

We are getting a supply of the KN95 and 3-Ply 95% filtration face masks (see attached) in the week of April 27th
We are taking orders now that will be filled First IN / First OUT while this shipment supply lasts.

This is a time sensitive notification, please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these items.

I just received this info... you can mix and match between the 2 masks to reach the minimum 'BOX' order as listed on the attached info sheet.

The 3-Ply 95% filtration masks are...
\$0.649 each in a case of 2,000 = \$1,299.95 per case
\$0.70 each in a box of 50 = \$34.95 per box

The KN95 masks are...

\$2.99995 each in a case of 1,000 = \$2,999.95 per case
\$3.1975 each in a box of 20 per box = \$63.95 box

Let me know,
Thank you,

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

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Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie; Testin, Patrick
Subject: RE: proposed bill

Pat:

They have emailed us several times over different issues. Would a phone call maybe appropriate? You have experience in the wine business.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Emerson, James
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Kathy,

Thank you for giving me the update. Please know that I am well aware how much businesses are struggling and will continue working with my colleagues to deliver what relief is possible at the state level.

The majority of loans/grants/programs that have been available at this point are all from the federal government. Those that were made available through the federal CARES Act can be viewed here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>. More options at the state level will be added to <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/> when they are identified and become available.

One that may be of particular interest with the Small Business Administration is the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provides loan forgiveness to retain employees for small businesses who meet the qualifications.

I apologize that I cannot be of more immediate assistance, but conversations are continuing between the Legislature and the administration on what relief we can provide through the state. I will be sure to keep your small business close in mind as I evaluate any proposals that come forward.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
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(608) 266-3123

From: Kathy Johnson <kathy.johnson@sunsetpointwinery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: proposed bill

Dear Senator Testin,

I got wind that there might be another bill signed tomorrow for more financial help.

I hope this is true and becomes available ASAP. As a small business owner and manager, we are struggling. I also am a BOD of the SP Downtown Business Alliance. All the businesses downtown are hurting right now. They all have rent to pay, or mortgages and other bills., almost all have had to shut down or lay off 99% of employees. None to date, have been accepted for any type of loans or grants, some don't qualify. We need some life line, that will be able to help all of us.

We have Thousands of dollars that need to be paid in the next month for the juices that we ordered in January to get ready for the tourism season. These companies expect to get paid. I have had to lay off all employees as we are only open a few days and we are at about 90% loss of sales. People are not shopping out as the SAFE AT HOME was enacted. As it should be.

As the manager of the business, I personally have volunteered my time since we opened our doors in July of 2015. However, my husband had to be laid off. We now have no income Unemployment has not shown up yet and is a fraction of what he brought home prior to COVID19.

Our business to date has not received any notification of loans or grants that we have applied for. So, we cannot bring back staff until we know we can pay them. We have wine that needs to be made.

I also personally still have to pay my own bills at home. I was able to get a few loans deferred but only for 2 months, so come June I will have to come up with the money for payment. I understand that almost all people need help and the programs are trying to work, but I don't see things moving fast enough. I know that the SBA site has changed the form 3 times, their site crashed for days and we got caught in each of those incidents. So filled out the forms 3 times. We need your help to move forward.

WE NEED more access to grants and forgivable loans so the SMALL businesses can get back to work as small businesses make up the majority of the work force in America.

WE NEED a LIFE LINE!

Sincerely,

Kathy Johnson

Manager

Sunset Point Winery

Cheers!

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Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: Small Business Emergency Loans for Corona closure

Yes. That is good.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Small Business Emergency Loans for Corona closure

Dear Priscilla,

Thank you for reaching out to let me know about the current situation with your small business. These are difficult times for everyone, and I can't imagine the stresses you are going through.

The Legislature is continuing to get briefings about the options available for small businesses during this time. At this point, the best resource we are aware of are those included at the following webpage:
<https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/>. Some of these you may already be aware of.

The State of Wisconsin received disaster declaration for the U.S. Small Business Administration, which opens up the opportunity for small businesses to apply for low interest loans through the federal government.

WEDC does have SB/2020 grants available, but these are limited to businesses with certain qualifications, such as having less than 20 employees, etc. More information about these grants in particular can be found on the webpage.

I would encourage you to continue to monitor the WEDC Coronavirus Response page, as it will continue to be updated as additional resources are identified at the state and federal levels. The federal stimulus package was recently signed into law and included funds for small businesses, and it is likely that more information will be made available on the WEDC site soon.

Please know I am very aware of the struggles that the small businesses are facing in my district and across the state and nation. I will continue to do what I can at the state level to mitigate the damage that these circumstances have laid before us.

Thank you for contacting me and please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Priscilla Schmidt <paschmidt@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 5:39 PM

To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Small Business Emergency Loans for Corona closure

Good Afternoon:

Can you please give me information on the access of loans for operating expenses during this period? I.e., businesses closed due to State order, and the access to loans to pay rent, utilities, mortgage, etc.

It seems that the \$ given by Congress are tied to payroll. So, if a small business with a Sole Proprietor has expenses, where do they go?

Also, I am a home agent, and I have been working fulltime, and am now cut to 1 day per week. I still need to pay my cable, phone, etc. and mortgage, utilities, insurances, etc. What are my options for access to grant/loans?

Thank for any information you can give.

Priscilla Schmidt
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Yes. That is good.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Dear xxx,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns about the effect COVID-19 is having on child care in the state and your recommendations for legislative action. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

There are currently ongoing discussions with members of the Legislature and the administration on potential legislation at the state level to deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. Legislation is in development and I will be sure to convey your recommendations to my colleagues and keep your suggestions in mind as I evaluate any legislation that comes forward.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help keep Wisconsin's children safe and cared for during this uncertain time. I appreciate you contacting me and communicating your and your industry's perspective.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
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From: Patience Turner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Patrick Testin,

My name is Patience Turner. I am a Head Teacher at Little Scholars Childcare and Preschool in Stevens Point.

I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other emergency services without it? Early care and education programs must be financially supported now and in the future so that they are able to continue to serve Wisconsin families. Here's what we are asking you to support:

1. A not less than \$250/week "essential child care worker payment", or hazard payment, over and above regular pay to serve as an incentive to recruit providers and support their valuable service.
2. Health care coverage for early childhood educators and child care providers who, often without adequate health insurance, are putting their own well-being in jeopardy in order to continue to care for children. Keep in mind that NO young child abides by physical distancing, and young children are NOT immune to the virus. While symptoms in children generally seem to be milder, they spread the virus in the same way adults do. And unfortunately, the first infant death due to COVID-19 was just reported on Sunday, March 29.
3. A temporary "license-exempt" status for an early childhood educator going into an essential worker's home to care for their children in the event that the essential worker qualifies for Wisconsin Shares as a financial support for child care payment.
4. Grants to child care programs, based on March 1, 2020 enrollment, to make up for lost revenue and increased expenses as they ensure continued care for essential worker families and/or have temporarily closed due to COVID19.

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We are depending on you to prioritize the health and well-being of early educators and the early care and education sector, so they can do the important work our state requires of them right now.

Sincerely, Patience Turner

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Emerson, James

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 8:31 PM
To: Testin, Patrick; Schultz, Jeff; Aicher, Natalie
Subject: FW: updated LFB memo - not final
Attachments: 07 Summary of Provisions Draft.pdf

From: Romportl, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Mugnaini, Jason; Rettinger, Nik; Lonergan, Sandy; Ponio, Jerry; Summerfield, Craig; Mikalsen, Mike; Esser, Jennifer; Zantow, Jenna; Prange, Katy; Lakin, Tim; Henkel, Matt; Soper, John; Kelly, Scott; Duerkop, Nathan; Emerson, James; Gibbs, Adam; Fiocchi, Tim; Koenen, Kyle
Subject: updated LFB memo - not final

Version 2 attached - your feedback today is appreciated and is being taken under consideration, more changes will follow
- for now please keep this on hand as the *most recent* draft
-Dan

Summary of Provisions

ADMINISTRATION

1. EMPLOYEE TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Authorize the Secretary of DOA to transfer any employee from one executive branch agency to another executive branch agency to provide services for the receiving agency during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, including any extension by joint resolution of the Legislature. Specify that the receiving agency must pay all salary and fringe benefit costs of the employee during the time he or she is providing services for the receiving agency. Further, specify that any transfer would remain in effect until rescinded by the Secretary of DOA or 90 days after the public health emergency is terminated, whichever is earliest. Specify that an employee may not receive a salary increase upon transfer to a state agency, nor may an employee receive a salary increase upon return to the sending state agency. Require the Secretary of DOA to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Finance no later than June 1, 2020, and on the first day of each subsequent month during the emergency period, that provides information on all employee transfers. Specify that the report identify the number of employees transferred, the title of each employee transferred, the title the employee assumed at the receiving agency, and the reasons for each employee transfer.

2. LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYEE HOURS

Specify that the Director of the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection in DOA's Division of Personnel Management may increase or suspend the number of hours for a limited-term appointment for the duration of a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Under current law, a limited-term appointment is a provisional appointment for less than 1,040 hours per year.

3. USE OF ANNUAL LEAVE

Specify that a state employee may take annual leave within the first six months of the employee's probationary period upon initial appointment during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that if such an employee who has taken annual leave terminates his or her employment before earning annual leave equivalent to the amount of annual leave the employee has taken, the appointing authority would be required to deduct the cost of the unearned annual leave from the employee's final pay.

Under current law, an employee, with the approval of his or her appointing authority, may anticipate the annual leave which he or she could earn during the current calendar year, but no employee is eligible to take annual leave until he or she has completed the first six months of a

probationary period for an original job appointment unless the employee uses annual leave that he or she accrued while serving in an unclassified position.

4. STATE EMPLOYMENT FILINGS AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Specify that a state employee does not waive his or her right to appeal an adverse employment decision if the employee does not timely file a complaint or appeal during a public health emergency declared by the Governor. Further, specify that the tolling period for an employee to file such a complaint with the appointing authority would begin 14 days after the termination of the declared public health emergency or extension. In addition, specify that an appointing authority or his or her designee is not required to meet with a complainant in person when conducting an investigation related to such a complaint filed by an employee during a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

Under current law, to commence the grievance process for an adverse employment action, a state employee must file a complaint with the employee's appointing authority challenging the adverse employment decision against the employee no later than 14 days after the employee becomes aware of, or should have become aware of, the decision that is the subject of the complaint. Also under current law, an appointing authority or his or her designee who receives a timely complaint must conduct any investigation they consider necessary, meet with the employee in person, and issue a decision in writing no later than 14 days after the date on which the complaint is received.

AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

1. PROHIBITION ON RETURNS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Prohibit a retail establishment from accepting the return of fresh or packaged food, cleaning supplies, personal care products, or paper products purchased during a public health emergency as declared by the Governor under s. 323.10 of the statutes, or within 30 days after the emergency ends. However, allow a retailer to accept the return of food, personal care products, cleaning supplies, or paper products within seven days of purchase for any reason, or at any time any time if a product was contaminated due to improper production or packaging. Further, allow retail establishments to accept returns of other types of products at any time.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS

1. AUTHORIZE TRUST FUND LOANS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Allow BCPL to offer loans from the common school fund and other school trust funds to nonprofit municipal utilities during the state of emergency declared by the Governor under Executive Order 72, including any extension granted by the Legislature, and up to 60 days after the emergency declaration expires. Specify BCPL may offer loans to ensure that the utility is able to maintain liquidity during the emergency period, and authorize BCPL to issue loans for amounts and conditions as may be agreed upon by a borrower. Further, specify that the Legislature determines the loans serve a public purpose.

Under current law, BCPL makes loans to school districts, municipalities, sewer districts and other public entities from the school trust funds that it manages. BCPL typically offers 10-year loans with low fixed interest rates. Under statute, BCPL loans must have an interest rate greater than 2%. BCPL does not charge a pre-payment penalty.

The public health emergency allows commercial and residential ratepayers to temporarily suspend utility payments without losing service. The provision is intended to allow BCPL to extend loans to municipal utilities so that they may continue to meet obligations in the event of a temporary loss of revenues.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION RESERVES

1. JOINT FINANCE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS

Specify that the Joint Committee on Finance could reduce certain general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations, suspend law changes that would decrease state general fund tax revenues, and rescind proposed general wage adjustments for state and UW System employees if the general fund condition statement issued by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows an estimated deficit in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Require the Fiscal Bureau to prepare a revised general fund condition statement for the 2019-21 biennium no later than June 15, 2020, and submit the report to the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance. If the report projects that the estimated gross general fund balance on June 30, 2021, will be negative, require that the cochairpersons convene a meeting of the Committee no later than June 24, 2020.

Specify that the Committee could take action at the required meeting to reduce the amount of any general purpose revenue appropriation in the appropriation schedule for the 2020-21 fiscal year,

except for the following: (a) sum sufficient appropriations; (b) the appropriation for Medical Assistance benefits under the Department of Health Services; and (c) the appropriations to pay debt service on appropriation obligation bonds. Additionally, the Committee could take action to delay the effective date, initial applicability, or implementation of any provision contained in any enactment of the 2019 Legislature that would have the effect of reducing general purpose revenues. Specify that if the provision relates to taxation, the delay could not extend beyond the taxable year that begins after December 31, 2021, and any other such delay could not extend beyond June 30, 2023.

Additionally, specify that the Committee could take action at the meeting to rescind the January, 2021, general wage adjustment of 2% provided under the state employee compensation plan and the January, 2021, wage adjustments provided to UW System employees under its proposed pay plan, notwithstanding the actions of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations on December 18, 2019, in approving the state employee compensation plan and the proposed pay plan of the UW System. Funding in compensation reserves associated with the above January, 2021, wage adjustments totals \$20,517,000 GPR (\$47,559,100 all funds) in 2020-21.

2. TRANSFERS FROM SUM SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

Allow the Joint Committee on Finance to transfer up to \$25 million from sum sufficient appropriations during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension period, and for a period of up to 90 days after the termination of the state of emergency. Transferred funds could be used for expenditures related to the state of emergency.

Under current law, the Joint Committee on Finance can transfer funds between two appropriations or between two fiscal years in the same biennium if the transfer would eliminate unnecessary duplication of functions, result in a more efficient and effective method for performing programs, or more effectively carry out legislative intent. Such transfer must be for purposes which have been authorized or directed by the Legislature, and cannot change legislative intent. Current law does not allow a transfer from a sum sufficient appropriation to other types of appropriations.

BUILDING COMMISSION

1. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDING REFUNDING AUTHORITY

Increase the bonding authorization for refunding of any outstanding tax-supported or self-amortizing state general obligation debt by \$725,000,000, from its current level of \$6,785,000,000 to \$7,510,000,000. These bonds could only be issued if the debt refinancing meets the current law requirement that the true interest costs of the state must be reduced. The authorization for this refunding bonding was last increased in 2017 Act 59 (the 2017-19 budget).

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

1. REHIRED ANNUITANTS IN CRITICAL POSITIONS

Specify that a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participant who is hired by a participating employer during a public health emergency declared by the Governor may elect to not suspend his or her annuity for the duration of the public health emergency if: (a) at the time of terminating employment, the participant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services; and (b) the position for which the annuitant is hired is a critical position. Further, specify that the current break-in-service requirement of 75 days would not apply to a participant who is hired for a critical position during the public health emergency if at least 15 days have elapsed between the termination of employment and becoming a participating employee. Require the head of each state agency and each local health department, based on guidance provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, to determine which positions within the respective state agency or local government are critical when the Governor declares a public health emergency, for the purposes of administering the provisions applicable to rehired annuitants.

Under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, must suspend their annuity and become a participating WRS employee if they are employed in covered employment, or enter into a contract with a WRS employer, and are expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Also under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, has a break-in-service requirement of 75 days between termination of employment and becoming a participating employee with a WRS employer. This separation from WRS employment must occur for an individual who applied for an annuity or lump sum payment to continue to qualify for an annuity or to retain the lump sum payment.

2. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Specify that, for the purposes of group health insurance coverage offered by the Group Insurance Board, an employee who returns from a leave of absence and who has not resumed active duty for at least 30 consecutive calendar days on the date that the Governor declares a public health emergency is deemed to have ended or interrupted the leave of absence on that date. The public health emergency related to COVID-19 was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020.

Under current law, a leave of absence is not deemed ended or interrupted until the employee has resumed active performance of duty for 30 consecutive calendar days for at least 50 percent of what is considered the employee's normal work time with the employer. Also under current law, a state or local public employer that provides its employees health insurance coverage through a plan offered by the Group Insurance Board must continue to pay required employer contributions, if any, toward the health insurance premium of an insured employee while the insured employee is on a leave of absence for the first three months of the leave of absence, or for the entire leave of absence

if the insured employee is receiving temporary disability compensation. Under the provision, an employee of such an employer who returns from a leave of absence, and who was eligible to receive an employer contribution towards health insurance premiums prior to commencing the leave of absence, would be immediately eligible for the employer contribution towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. GOVERNMENTAL DEADLINES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that a state or local governmental unit, during an emergency period, may suspend any deadline associated with a program or action that the state or local governmental unit administers or enforces. Define "emergency period" as the period covered by a public health emergency plus 30 days after the end of the emergency. Define "deadline" to mean any date certain by which, or any limitation as to time within which, an action or event is required to occur. Specify that a state or local governmental unit may not charge any interest or penalties that would otherwise apply with respect to the suspended deadlines. Specify that the suspension of deadlines would not apply to any elections-related deadlines. Specify that during an emergency period, a state or local unit of government may suspend any training requirements that are associated with programs the state or local unit of government administers or enforces. The provision would first apply to deadlines or training requirements during a public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order #72, including any extensions.

Specify that the suspension of deadlines does not apply to tax-filing deadlines with respect to tax revenues deposited to the general fund, certain taxes and fees deposited to the transportation fund, or to interest and penalties on property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. These tax-filing deadlines are described under "Revenue."

2. IN PERSON APPEARANCE WAIVER

Specify that the head or governing body of a state entity may waive a requirement imposed, administered, or enforced by the state entity that an individual appear in person during a public health emergency declared by the Governor if the head or governing body finds that the waiver assists in the state's response to the public health emergency or that enforcing the requirement may increase the public health risk. Define "state entity" to mean any state agency, institution of higher education, association, society, or other body in state government, created or authorized to be created by the Constitution or any law that is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law, including the Legislature, the Courts, and any authority.

3. EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products in response to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order 72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) from civil liability associated with injury or death caused by those products. The manufacturer, distributor, or seller would be exempt from civil liability only if the product were sold or donated to a nonprofit organization or unit of government at a price that does not exceed the cost of production, defined to include only the cost of inputs, wages, operating the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product. Define emergency medical supplies and equipment as any medical equipment or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease associated with a public health emergency, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and any other item determined to be necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. Specify that the exemption would not apply if the death or injury were caused by a willful act or omission.

4. EXEMPTION TO 50 PIECE RULE FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Allow a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office to use public funds to pay for communications related to the public health emergency declared under Executive Order #72 (including any extension granted by legislative resolution) if the communications are made during the emergency period, or within 30 days after termination of the emergency period.

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office may not use public funds to pay for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material during the campaign season.

HEALTH SERVICES

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS TO MEET CONDITIONS FOR ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE

Authorize DHS to take certain actions, as described below, to satisfy criteria for qualifying for enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) available during an emergency period declared in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, as established by the federal Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Under this provision, the Department would be authorized to do the following on a temporary basis: (a) suspend monthly premiums for childless adults covered under the medical assistance (MA) program; (b) suspend the requirement that childless adults complete a health risk

assessment questionnaire for childless adults, as a condition of MA eligibility; (c) delay the implementation of a community engagement requirement for childless adults until the date that is either: (1) 30 days after the day the federal government has approved the community engagement implementation plan; or (2) 30 days after the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the declared federal public health emergency associated with the novel coronavirus pandemic occurs; and (d) maintain continuous enrollment of for any MA beneficiary who is enrolled as of the date of passage of the FFCRA (March 18, 2020), or who subsequently enrolls in the program during the period of the federal public health emergency, until the end of the end of the final month during which the federal public health emergency is in effect.

The Department of Health Services implemented the monthly premiums and health risk questionnaire beginning on February 1, 2020, under terms of a federal waiver applicable for Medicaid coverage for childless adults. The community engagement provision is another waiver provision, which has not yet been implemented. Under provisions established under 2017 Act 370, the deadline for implementation of this provision is currently April 29, 2020, although the federal government has not approved the final implementation plan.

The FFCRA increases each state's FMAP by 6.2 percentage points during any calendar quarter for which the COVID-19 federal public health emergency is in effect, provided that the state meets certain maintenance of effort criteria. This increase will apply, at a minimum to the first two quarters of 2020, January through March, and April through June. Based on current expenditure levels in the state's medical assistance program, the increase to the state's FMAP will increase federal Medicaid matching funds by approximately \$150 million per quarter, or approximately \$300 million over the two quarters covering the final six months of state fiscal year 2019-20.

In order to qualify for the FMAP increase, states must: (a) not adopt more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for their Medicaid programs than were in effect on January 1, 2020; (b) not charge a higher premium for any eligibility groups than was in effect on January 1, 2020; (c) ensure that any person who was enrolled as of the date of enactment of the FFCRA or who enrolls during the federal public health emergency be eligible for benefits through the end of the month in which the public health emergency period ends; and (d) provide coverage of COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries without cost sharing. With respect to premiums, a state is not ineligible for the FMAP increase during the 30-day period following the passage of the FFCRA (that is, through April 17, 2020), if it had a premium in effect on the date of passage that would otherwise not be in compliance with the maintenance of effort requirement.

Since the state's childless adult waiver provisions were implemented after January 1, 2020, the provisions must be suspended in order for the state to qualify for the enhanced FMAP. In addition, the state must make modifications to eligibility review processes to ensure continuous enrollment for MA beneficiaries during the federal public health emergency. The changes under this item, which would be established in a nonstatutory provision, are intended to make the state eligible to receive enhanced FMAP under the FFCRA.

2. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL WAIVER REQUESTS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Exempt a Department of Health Services (DHS) request for a waiver, amendment to a waiver, state plan amendment, or other federal approval from the current law provisions, enacted in 2017 Wisconsin Act 370, relating to legislative authorization for, and review of, such requests during the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus. Specify that such an exemption applies only if the request is any of the following:

Relating to the medical assistance program. Any of the following:

- Allowing providers to receive payments for services provided in alternative settings to recipients affected by 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving preadmission screening and annual resident review requirements when recipients are transferred;
- Allowing hospitals who hold a state license but have not yet received accreditation from the Joint Commissioner to bill the medical assistance program during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving payment of the application fee to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving pre-enrollment criminal background checks for providers that are enrolled in the Medicare program to temporarily enroll the provider in the medical assistance program for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving site visit requirements to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days or until the termination of 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Ceasing revalidation of providers who are enrolled in the medical assistance program or otherwise directly impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency for 90 days or until termination of the public health emergency, whichever is longer;
- Waiving the requirement that physicians and other health care professionals be licensed in the state in which they are providing services if they have equivalent licensing in another state or are enrolled in the federal Medicare program;
- Waiving prior authorization requirements for access to covered state plan or waiver benefits;
- Expanding the authority under Section 1905 (a) of the federal Social Security Act regarding nonemergency transportation to allow for reimbursement of any eligible individual under the medical assistance program, additional vendors, transportation for caregivers going to provide services to recipients, and meal delivery to medical assistance recipients;

- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to state plan and waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines specified in the medical assistance state plan to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health director meeting;
- Modifying the requirement under federal law to submit the state plan amendment by March 31, 2020, to obtain an effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020;
- Simplifying program administration by allowing for temporary state plan flexibilities rather than requiring states to go through the state plan amendment submission and approval process;
- Waiving timely filing requirements for billing under federal law to allow time for providers to implement changes;
- Expanding hospital presumptive eligibility to include the population over age 65 and disabled;
- Allowing flexibility for submission of electronic signatures on behalf of a medical assistance recipient by application assistants if a signature cannot be captured in person;
- Waiving requirements for managed care organizations to complete initial and periodic recredentialing of network providers if the providers meet medical assistance provider enrollment requirements during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Requiring managed care organizations to extend preexisting authorizations through which a medical assistance recipient has received prior authorization until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency;
- Waiving sanctions under Section 1877 (g) of the Social Security Act relating to limitations on physician referral;
- Allowing flexibility in how a teaching physician is present with the patient and resident including real-time audio and video or access through a window;
- Waiving certain equipment requirements in hospital equipment maintenance requirement guidance issued on December 20, 2013, to maintain the health and safety of the hospitals' patients and providers;
- Creating provisions allowing for additional flexibilities to allow for the use in nursing homes of physician extenders in place of medical directors and attending physicians and telehealth options;
- Waiving notice of transfers within a nursing home due to medically necessary protection from the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Waiving requirements to document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure a safer and orderly intrafacility nursing home transfer;

- Waiving requirements for a nursing home bedhold policy;
- Waiving the requirements for nursing home in-service education under federal law;
- Waiving nurse staffing information and posting of that information for nursing homes;
- Suspending the requirement that a pharmacist go monthly to the nursing home to do record review;
- Waiving or lessening requirements for a paid feeding assistant program in nursing homes and setting guidelines for training to assist with the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
- Waiving the annual and quarterly screening of fire extinguishers and any other annual maintenance review for nursing homes;
- Allowing all clinical hours required under federal law to be online simulation;
- Waiving under federal law the loss of the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program;
- Waiving the requirements under federal law for training of paid feeding assistants;
- Allowing home health agencies to perform certifications, initial assessments, and determine homebound status remotely or by record review;
- Waiving life safety codes for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities under federal law and for hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, critical access hospitals and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities relating to fire alarm system maintenance and testing, automatic sprinkler and standpipe system inspection, testing, and maintenance, and inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers.

Relating to the home and community-based waiver programs of Family Care, IRIS, and Children's Long-Term Supports. Any of the following:

- Allowing all waiver services and administrative requirements that that can be provided with the same functional equivalency of face-to-face services to occur remotely;
- Removing the requirement to complete a 6-month progress report to reauthorize prevocational service;
- Removing the limitation that quotes from at least 3 providers must be obtained and submitted for home modifications;
- Removing the limitation preventing supportive home care from being provided in adult family homes and residential care apartment complexes;
- Removing the limitation preventing personal or nursing services for recipients in residential care apartment complexes;

- Removing the limitation that participants cannot receive other waiver services on the same day as receiving respite care;
- Allowing adult day service providers, prevocational providers, and supported employment providers to provide services in alternate settings;
- Allowing up to three meals per day for home delivered meals for Family Care and IRIS program enrollees and adding home delivered meals as a benefit in the Children's Long-Term Supports waiver;
- Removing the limitation on using moneys to relocate individuals from an institution or family home to an independent living arrangement;
- Allowing any individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to reside in a community-based residential facility with greater than eight beds;
- Modifying the scope of the child care benefit to allow for the provision of child care payments for children under the age of 12 in the program for direct care workers and medical workers who need access to child care during the emergency;
- Allowing for all home and community-based waiver services to be provided in temporary settings;
- Allowing home and community-based waiver services to be provided temporarily in an acute care hospital or in a short-term institutional stay;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services provided in settings outside this state;
- Allowing general retailers to provide assistive technology or communication aids;
- Allowing providers certified or licensed in other states or enrolled in the Medicare program to perform the same or comparable services in this state;
- Delaying provider licensing or certification reviews;
- Allowing DHS to waive provider qualifications as necessary to increase the pool of available providers;
- Allowing 4-year background checks to be delayed;
- Expanding transportation providers to include individual and transportation network companies;
- Allowing noncertified individuals to provide home delivered meals;
- Allowing nursing students to provide allowable nursing services;
- Allowing parents to be paid caregivers for their minor children in the Children's Long-

Term Supports program when providing a service that would otherwise have been performed and paid for by a provider;

- Allowing for qualified individuals to provide training to unpaid caregivers;
- Waiving choice of provider requirements;
- Waiving the managed care network adequacy requirements under federal law;
- Waiving requirements to complete initial and required periodic credentialing of network providers;
- Adding a verbal and electronic method to signing required documents;
- Allowing the option to conduct evaluations, assessments, and person-centered service planning meetings virtually or remotely in lieu of face-to-face meetings;
- Allowing the lessening of prior approval or authorization requirements;
- Allowing for data entry of incidents into the incident reporting system outside of typical timeframes;
- Waiving the requirement to distribute member-centered plans to essential providers;
- Allowing DHS to draw federal financing match for payments, such as hardship or supplemental payments, to stabilize and retain providers who suffer extreme disruptions to their standard business model or revenue streams as a result of the 2019 novel coronavirus;
- Allowing DHS to waive participant liability for room and board when temporarily sheltered at noncertified facilities;
- Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services;
- Allowing managed care enrollees to proceed almost immediately to a state fair hearing without having a managed care plan resolve the appeal first by permitting DHS to modify the timeline for managed care plans to resolve appeals to one day so the impacted appeals satisfy the exhaustion requirements and give enrollees more time to request a fair hearing;
- Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to waiver changes;
- Modifying the tribal consultation timelines to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health directors meeting;
- Waiving timelines for reports, required surveys, and notifications;
- Allowing the extension of the certification period of level-of-care screeners;
- Allowing the waiver of requirements related to home and community-based settings on a case by case basis in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of affected beneficiaries under

federal law;

- Applying any provisions under this paragraph automatically to the concurrent 1915 (b) waiver;
- Allowing the waiver enrollment or eligibility changes based on a completed functional screen resulting in a change in level-of-care;
- Allowing for continued enrollment in the Children's Long-Term Supports program past the ages of 18 and 21; and
- Allowing the suspension of involuntary disenrollment.

3. GRANTS FOR UNREIMBURSED COVID-19 COSTS

Authorize the Department of Health Services to submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance during the 2019-21 biennium for an appropriation supplement to make grants to healthcare providers for unreimbursed costs associated with treatment of patients with COVID-19.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR NURSE AIDES

Prohibit the Department of Health Services from requiring an instructional program for nurse aides in Wisconsin to exceed the federally required minimum total training hours or minimum hours of supervised practical training.

Currently, nurse aides in Wisconsin are required to complete a minimum of 120 total training hours, including 32 hours of supervised practical training. Federal law currently requires nurse aides to complete 75 total training hours, including 16 hours of supervised practical training.

5. HOSPITAL AND DHS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Require every hospital, isolation facility, and other entity that provides hospitalization (hereafter, "facilities") to submit information to the Department of Health Services (DHS), and require DHS to publicly report information it receives, as described below.

Facility Reporting

Daily Reports. Require every facility to report the following information to DHS daily: (a) the number of new positive COVID-19 test results for individuals working at the facility and for patients; (b) the daily census of COVID-19 patients in the facility; (c) the daily census of presumptive COVID-19 cases in the facility; (d) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, in a bed in the facility's intensive care unit (ICU); and (e) the total number of COVID-19 patients, including presumptive cases, who are on ventilators. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Weekly Reports. Require every facility to report the following information on a weekly basis:

(a) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a regular hospital bed to a bed in an intensive care unit, and, as applicable, onto a ventilator, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (b) the number of COVID-19 patients at the facility who moved from a bed in an intensive care unit or being on a ventilator to a regular hospital bed, including the amount of time each patient spent at each level of care; (c) the number of patients who were confirmed to have COVID-19 and who were released from the facility, including the amount of time each patient spent in the facility. Specify that these requirements begin on the date of the first case of COVID-19 at the facility.

Reporting Ventilators Owned by Facilities. By April 14, 2020, require each facility to report to DHS the number of ventilators they own on that date. Further, require each facility to report to DHS any change in the number of functional ventilators it owns, including the number of ventilators it owns that are no longer functional, the day after the facility's number of functional ventilators changes.

DHS Reporting and Authority to Withhold CARES Act Funds for Noncompliance

DHS Reporting. Beginning April 24, 2020, require DHS to report publicly all of the following: (a) on a daily basis, the information facilities are required to report on a daily basis; (b) on a weekly basis, the information facilities are required to report on a weekly basis; and (c) the daily availability of ventilators in the state, including any ventilators acquired directly by DHS; and (d) the total number of individuals in the state that are using ventilators.

Imposition of Penalties for Noncompliance. Authorize DHS to create a metric to allow the Department to measure compliance with the data reporting requirements and to withhold funding available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) to noncompliant health care providers.

6. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Require the Department of Health Services to develop, under the MA program, a payment system based on performance to incentivize participation in health information data sharing to facilitate better patient care, reduced costs, and easier access to patient information.

Require DHS to establish performance metrics for the payment system that satisfy all of the following: (a) the metric must include participation by providers in a health information exchange at a minimum level of patient record access; (b) the payment under the payment system must increase as the participation level in the health information exchange increases; (c) the payment system must begin in the 2021 rate year; and (d) for purposes of this payment system, require DHS to seek any available federal moneys, including any money available for this purpose under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), to assist small, rural providers with the costs of information technology setup to participate in the health information exchange.

7. SENIORCARE COVERAGE OF VACCINATIONS

Expand the SeniorCare prescription drug assistance program to include coverage of vaccinations that are recommended for administration to adults by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization practices and approved for the administration to adults by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Require DHS to provide reimbursement under SeniorCare for the administration of vaccinations to health care providers, including pharmacies and pharmacists, provided that the enrollee has met the program's deductible requirements or is not required to pay a deductible. Require the Department to use the same method of reimbursement for the ingredient and dispensing fees as is used for vaccinations under the medical assistance program. Require the Department to devise and distribute a claim form for use by health care providers for vaccinations. Authorize DHS to limit payment for vaccinations to claims that are submitted directly to the Department and specify that DHS may apply the same utilization and cost control procedures for vaccinations that apply under the medical assistance program.

Require DHS to seek to enter into rebate agreements with manufacturers who sell vaccines, modeled on current rebate agreements used in the program for prescription drugs. Specify that to the extent that rebate agreements are in place for vaccines, manufacturers must make rebate payments for vaccines for which reimbursement was provided under the SeniorCare program.

SeniorCare is a program administered by DHS that provides assistance with the purchase of prescription drugs for enrollees. To be eligible, enrollees must be at least 65 years old and meet income thresholds. Enrollees with an income exceeding 160% of the federal poverty level must meet a deductible requirements before becoming eligible for program benefits.

INSURANCE

1. NO COST SHARING FOR COVID-19 TESTING DURING 2020

Require any self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, any health insurance policy, and any state health plan that generally covers testing for infectious diseases to provide coverage of testing for COVID-19 without imposing any copayment or coinsurance on the individual covered under the policy or plan, for any such testing done prior to March 13, 2021.

2. PROHIBIT COVERAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON COVID-19

Prohibit any insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or self-insured health plan from using a current or past diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of COVID-19, as the basis for doing the following: (a) establishing rules, applicable to an individual or employer or other group, for eligibility for enrollment, continued eligibility to remain enrolled, or renewal of coverage; (b) canceling coverage during a contract term; (c) establishing rates for coverage; or (d) refusing to grant a grace period for

the payment of premium, if a grace period for payment of premium would generally be granted under the plan.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIMITS

Prohibit any health insurance policy, state employee health plan, or self-insured health plan offered by a local government or school district, or a pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a policy or plan from doing the following during the period covered by the state of emergency related to public health declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72: (a) requiring prior authorization for early refills of a prescription drug or otherwise restrict the period of time in which a prescription drug may be refilled; or (b) imposing a limit on the quantity of prescription drugs that may be obtained if the quantity is no more than a 90-day supply. Specify that these restrictions do not apply to a prescription drug that is classified as a controlled substance by the Controlled Substances Board.

4. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Specify that, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, under Executive Order 72, any physician or nurse anesthetist for whom Wisconsin is not a principal place of practice but who is authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis, may fulfill the state's practice liability insurance requirements by filing with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance a certificate of insurance for a policy of health care liability insurance issued by an insurer that is authorized in a jurisdiction accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Specify that such a physician or nurse anesthetist may elect, in a manner specified by the Insurance Commissioner by rule, to be subject to the state's liability provisions and the state's injured patients and families compensation program.

Health care providers are generally required to obtain liability insurance coverage, issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Wisconsin, for \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and for \$3,000,000 for all claims or occurrences in a year. Liabilities in excess of those amounts are paid from the state's injured patients and families compensation program, which is funded from assessments collected on providers. This item would allow out-of-state physicians and nurse anesthetists who are authorized to practice in Wisconsin on a temporary basis during the declared public health emergency, to satisfy liability insurance requirements with a policy issued by an insurer authorized for business in another state or jurisdiction.

5. LIABILITY FOR PROVIDERS OF HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Specify that any health care professional, health care provider or employee, agent, or contractor of a health care professional is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or any damages caused by actions or omissions taken in providing services to address, or in response to, the COVID-19 outbreak under circumstances that satisfy all of the following conditions: (1) the actions or omissions do not involve reckless or wanton conduct or intentional

misconduct; (2) the services are provided during a state of emergency declared by the Governor for the state or part of the state or during a period extending 60 days following the expiration of the state of emergency; and (3) the acts or omissions are substantially consistent with any of the following: (a) any direction, guidance, recommendation, or other statement made by a federal, state, or local official to address the COVID-19 outbreak; or (b) any guidance published by the Department of Health Services, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, or any divisions or agencies of the federal Department of Health and Human Services relied upon in good faith.

Specify that the liability protections established under these provisions do not apply if: (a) current statutory protections indemnifying volunteer practitioners or health care facilities during a public health emergency apply; or (b) current statutory limitations on liability of state or local units of government, or public shelters during a public health emergency apply.

For the purposes of this provision, the term "health care professional" would be defined as an individual who is licensed, registered, or certified by the Medical Examining Board or the Board of Nursing.

6. OUT-OF-NETWORK CHARGES AND PAYMENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Specify that, during a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak that is declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or by the Governor, any defined network or preferred provider health plan may not require an enrollee to pay, including cost sharing, for a service, treatment, or supply rendered by a provider that is not in the plan's network more than the enrollee would pay if the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an in-network provider, if the following apply: (a) the service, treatment, or supply is related to a diagnosis or treatment for COVID-19; and (b) the service, treatment, or supply is rendered by an out-of-network provider because no in-network provider is available due to the public health emergency. Specify that, in these circumstances, the plan must reimburse the out-of-network provider at 225 percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area.

Specify that, during a declared public health emergency related to COVID-19, any health care provider or facility that renders a service, treatment, or supply to an enrollee of a defined network plan or preferred provider plan that does not include the health provider or facility in its network must accept as payment in full any payment that is at least 225 percent of the Medicare rate for a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area. Prohibit the provider from charging the enrollee an amount that exceeds the amount the provider or facility is reimbursed by the defined network plan or preferred provider plan.

Authorize the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate any rules necessary to implement these provisions.

LEGISLATURE

1. LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU CRITERIA AND REPORTING

Specify in a nonstatutory provision that, beginning July 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2021, the Legislative Audit Bureau must use risk-based criteria to review selected programs affected by this proposal and selected expenditures made with funds authorized under this proposal. Further, require the Legislative Audit Bureau to report the results of its reviews at least quarterly to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and to the Legislature. Risk-based criteria could include review of expenditures at or above a certain threshold levels or the review of more recently created statutory programs.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

1. SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Specify that the Department of Public Instruction would not be required to publish school and school district accountability reports for the 2019-20 school year.

Under current law, DPI is required to publish accountability reports annually no later than November 30. The report cards issued each fall are based on data from assessments administered the previous spring.

2. PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

Specify that current law requiring assessments to be administered annually to pupils attending school in a public school district, independent charter school, private choice school, or special needs scholarship program school would not apply in 2019-20. Current law requires pupils to be given annual reading test in the 3rd grade, as well as assessments adopted by the State Superintendent in the 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Specify that pupil performance on assessments in the 2019-20 could not be considered for the evaluation of teachers and principals under the statewide educator effectiveness system. Under current law, the educator effectiveness system must be based in part upon measures of pupil performance, including performance on state assessments.

Modify statutory language under the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) to accommodate a one-year lapse in administering statewide assessments and publishing accountability reports. Under current law, a school district is subject to an OSPP if it is placed in the

lowest performance category in the school district accountability reports published in the three previous school years; no districts currently meet those criteria.

3. VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION REPORTS

Require school boards to submit a report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by November 1, 2020, regarding virtual instruction provided during the public health emergency in the 2019-20 school year during which public schools are closed by the Department of Health Services. The report would be required to include the following: (a) whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the public health emergency, and, if so, in which grades it was implemented; (b) if virtual instruction was implemented, the process for implementing the virtual instruction; (c) for each grade level, the average percentage of the 2020 spring semester instruction that was provided to pupils, including both in-person and virtual instruction; (d) whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help pupils learn content that they missed because of the public health emergency and, if so, what was provided to pupils; (e) recommendations for best practices for transitioning to and providing virtual instruction when schools are closed; (f) any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing virtual instruction during the public health emergency; (g) by position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the public health emergency; (h) the number of lunches the school board provided during the public health emergency; and (i) the total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during or because of the public health emergency in each of the following categories: utilities, transportation, food service, personnel (including reductions resulting from layoffs), and contract terminations. For purposes of the report, virtual instruction would include any instruction provided through means of the Internet, if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the instruction are geographically remote from each other.

Require DPI to compile and submit the information received from the school board reports to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature no later than January 1, 2021.

4. HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Specify that current law requiring a private school participating in a choice program to provide at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6 and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12 would not apply in the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, specify that the hours of instruction required for an institution to be defined as a private school would not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under current law, an institution must meet certain criteria to be considered a private school, including providing at least 875 annual hours of instruction.

5. STATEWIDE PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT DATES

Specify that the enrollment period for pupils who wish to participate in the statewide private school choice program in the 2020-21 school year could extend up to 60 days after the last day of

the public health emergency. Require participating private schools to submit to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) the number of pupils who have applied to attend the public school and the names of those applicants whose siblings have also applied to attend the private school within 14 days after the close of the enrollment period.

Under current law, the application period for the statewide choice program extends from the first weekday in February to the third Thursday in April, and schools must submit applicant information to DPI by the first weekday in May. For the 2020-21 school year, the final application period for pupils attending a private school under the Racine program ends on September 14, 2020, and the final application period for Milwaukee pupils ends on January 5, 2021.

REVENUE

1. PROPERTY TAX INTEREST PAYMENTS

For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are due after February 1, 2020, waive any interest charges and penalties for late payment, provided that the full amount of the payment is received on or before October 1, 2020. For any property taxes payable in 2020 that are delinquent after October 1, 2020, interest charges and penalties would begin accruing as of October 1, 2020.

2. INTEREST AND PENALTIES DUE ON TAXES OWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Permit the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to waive interest and penalties for persons that owe, but fail to remit, general fund taxes, or taxes or fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, by the filing date if, in the Secretary's determination, that person failed to timely remit those taxes due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak of 2020. Specify that the Secretary must make this determination on a case-by-case basis. Specify that this provision applies only to general fund taxes, or taxes and fees that are deposited in the transportation fund, with filing dates that fall within, and interest and penalties that accrue during, the public health emergency that was declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of time authorized under a joint resolution by the Legislature.

3. INCOME AND FRANCHISE TAX FILING EXTENSION

President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak on March 13, 2020. Following this declaration, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 21, 2020, that the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers who make estimated income tax payments that would otherwise be due on April 15 can make such payments by July 15 without incurring any

interest or penalties, regardless of amounts owed by a taxpayer. A taxpayer need not file any additional forms in order to qualify for this extended due date.

Wisconsin law provides similar treatment such that state income and franchise taxpayers with tax filing due dates of April 15, 2020, will have until July 15, 2020, to file their state income or franchise tax returns for tax year 2019, or make their first tax year 2020 estimated payment, without interest, penalty, or underpayment interest applying until that date.

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Specify that a health care provider credential, as defined below, is not subject to renewal, or any other conditions for renewal, including continuing education, and remains valid during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, and continuing for 60 days after the end of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension. Specify that these changes are notwithstanding the Department's general statutory authority and requirements relating to notice of renewals; renewal dates, fees, and applications; and late renewals, as well as the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, but subject to any professional discipline imposed on the credential.

Specify that a renewal that occurs subsequent to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, is not subject to the statutory late renewal fee if the application to renew the credential is received before the next applicable renewal date. Notwithstanding the applicable statutory provisions for the health care provider credentials, the applicable credentialing board may, for that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from, or reduction of, continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

Definition. For these purposes, define a "health care provider credential" to mean any credential issued under the following state statutory chapters: Board of Nursing (ch. 441); Dentistry Examining Board (ch. 447); Medical Practices (ch. 448); Pharmacy Examining Board (ch. 450); Psychology Examining Board (ch. 455); Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy (ch. 460); or Radiographers and Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (ch. 462).

2. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR FORMER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DURING THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Authorize the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to grant temporary credentials to certain former health care providers during the state public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, as follows.

Issuance of Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS; and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Require DSPS to notify the health care provider if DSPS denies the provider's application for a temporary emergency credential.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under these provisions may provide services for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Require any health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential under these provisions to maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this provision expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Authority to Waive Credential Fees. Provide that, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, DSPS may waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. For these purposes, define "health care provider" to mean an individual who was at any time within the previous five years, but is not currently, any of the following, if the individual's credential was never revoked, limited, suspended, or denied renewal: (a) licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) licensed as a dentist under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) licensed as a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist under ch. 448 or certified as a respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d) licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) licensed as a psychologist under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

Define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate; and (b) "department" to mean DSPS.

3. TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES

Authorize DSPS to grant temporary credentials to certain health care providers from other states during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 under Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency, as follows.

Temporary Credentials. Require DSPS to grant a temporary credential to a health care provider, as defined below, if all of the following apply: (a) the health care provider submits an application to DSPS, and (b) DSPS determines that the health care provider satisfies the eligibility requirements for the credential and is fit to practice after conducting an investigation of the health care provider's arrest or conviction record and record of professional discipline. Authorize DSPS to determine the appropriate scope of review of the background of a health care provider who applies for a temporary credential under this paragraph. Require that if DSPS denies a health care provider's application for a temporary credential under this section, DSPS must notify the health care provider of the reason for the denial.

Specify that, notwithstanding statutory prohibitions on practicing as a nurse, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, respiratory care practitioner, or pharmacist, unless credentialed under the appropriate statutory section, a health care provider granted a temporary credential under this paragraph may provide services for which the health care provider is not licensed or certified.

Require that a health care provider who provides services authorized by a temporary credential granted under these provisions, must maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

Duration of the Temporary Credential. Specify that a temporary credential granted under this paragraph expires 90 days after the conclusion of the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension.

Fee Waiver. Notwithstanding the Department's authority to require standard fees for initial credentialing and examinations and the applicable fee provisions in state statute, during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, authorize DSPS to waive fees for applications for an initial credential and renewal of a credential for: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists, respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers, independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

Definitions. Define "health care provider" to mean an individual who holds a valid, unexpired license, certificate, or registration granted by another state or territory that authorizes or qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as the acts that any of the following are licensed or certified to perform: (a) a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (b) a dentist licensed under ch. 447 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (c) a physician, physician assistant, or perfusionist licensed under ch. 448 or a respiratory care practitioner certified under ch. 448 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (d)

a pharmacist licensed under ch. 450 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (e) a psychologist licensed under ch. 455 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (f) a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor licensed under ch. 457 or an independent social worker or social worker certified under ch. 457 of the Wisconsin state statutes; (g) a clinical substance abuse counselor certified under s. 440.88 of the Wisconsin state statutes; or (h) any practitioner holding a credential to practice a profession that is identified by the Department of Health Services during the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension of the public health emergency.

In addition define: (a) "credential" to mean license or certificate and (b) "department" to mean the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

4. PRESCRIPTION ORDER EXTENSIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Expand the manner in which a pharmacist can extend a prescription order. Specify that if a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription to be refilled and the prescription cannot be refilled under current state statutes governing initial fills and refills, the pharmacist may, subject to certain statutory conditions, extend the existing prescription order and dispense the drug to the patient, if the pharmacist has not received and is not aware of written or oral instructions from the prescribing practitioner prohibiting further dispensing pursuant to or extension of the prescription order.

Prohibit a pharmacist from extending a prescription order under this section if: (a) a prescribing practitioner has indicated, by writing on the face of the prescription order or, with respect to a prescription order transmitted electronically, by designating in electronic format the phrase "No extensions," or words of similar meaning; (b) the prescription is for a drug that is a controlled substance; or (c) if a prescription order was previously extended for that particular patient during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the Governor, including any extension of that public health emergency.

Further, prohibit a pharmacist acting under this provision from extending a prescription order to dispense more than a 30-day supply of the prescribed drug, except that if the drug is typically packaged in a form that requires a pharmacist to dispense the drug in a quantity greater than a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may extend the prescription order as necessary to dispense the drug in the smallest quantity in which it is typically packaged.

Require that a pharmacist, at the earliest reasonable time after acting under this provision, notify the prescribing practitioner or his or her office. However, specify that the pharmacist is not required to attempt to procure a new prescription order or refill authorization for the drug by contacting the prescribing practitioner or his or her office prior to acting under this provision. Authorize the pharmacist, after acting under this provision, to notify the patient or other individual that any further refills will require the authorization of a prescribing practitioner.

Specify that the authority granted under this provision applies only during the period covered by a public health emergency declared by the governor, including any extension. During that time, clarify that this paragraph supersedes existing circumstances under which a pharmacist

may extend a prescription order to the extent of any conflict.

5. AUTOPSIES AND CREMATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS WHO DIED OF COVID-19

For the period covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, including any extension, specify that:

- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner may issue a cremation permit to cremate the corpse of that deceased person without viewing the corpse;
- If a physician has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner must issue, within 48 hours after the time of death, a cremation permit for the cremation of a corpse of a deceased person;
- If the underlying cause of a death is determined to be COVID-19, the person required to sign the death certificate must provide an electronic signature on the death certificate within 48 hours after the death occurs; and
- If an individual dies of COVID-19 while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual may be performed by any coroner or medical examiner in this state.

Define "COVID-19" to mean an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Under current law, a coroner or medical examiner must view the corpse of a deceased person before issuing a cremation permit, and the corpse may not be cremated within 48 hours after the death unless the death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease.

Further, under current law, if an individual dies while he or she is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, an autopsy on the deceased individual must be performed by the coroner or medical examiner of the county where the death occurred.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAITING WEEK

Provide that the waiting week requirement under current law would not apply with respect to benefit years that begin on or after March 12, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency

declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order 72, and before January 3, 2021. Require the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to seek the maximum amount of federal reimbursement for benefits that are payable for the first week of a claimant's benefit year as a result of the application of this provision.

The CARES Act provides 100% federal funding of the first week of regular UI benefits for states with no waiting week through December 31, 2020, plus administrative expenses incurred to implement this provision. Under the Act, states may enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) for this funding if the state law, including a waiver of state law, provides that compensation is paid to individuals for their first week of regular unemployment without a waiting week. A state-federal agreement would apply to weeks of unemployment beginning after the date on which the agreement is entered into and ending on December 31, 2020. An agreement implementing this and other UI-related provisions of the CARES Act was signed by the DWD Secretary and USDOL on March 28, 2020.

Under current law, the claimant's waiting period is the first week of a claimant's benefit year for which the claimant is otherwise eligible for regular benefits. During a claimant's waiting period, no benefits are payable to the claimant. The waiting period does not affect a claimant's maximum benefit amount, which is 26 weeks of regular state benefits. However, claimants who do not reach the state's 26-week limit effectively receive one less week of benefits due to the waiting week requirement. A claimant must serve one waiting week per benefit year.

2. NON-CHARGING EMPLOYER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNTS

Require the Department of Workforce Development, when processing claims for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and evaluating work-share plans, to determine whether a claim or plan is related to the public health emergency (PHE) declared by the governor under Executive Order #72.

Provide that if a claim or plan is related to a PHE, regular benefits for that claim for weeks occurring after March 12, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, not be charged to an employer's UI account as normally provided. Instead, under the provision, UI benefits for those weeks would be charged to either: (a) the balancing account of the UI Trust Fund for contribution employers; or (b) DWD's existing interest and penalties account for reimbursable employers that are not subject to contribution requirements.

Under the provision, PHE non-charging provisions would not apply: (a) if the employer fails to timely and adequately provide any information required by the department; (b) to any benefits paid or reimbursed by the federal government, including the portion of any benefits reimbursed by the federal government for reimbursable employers; (c) to a claim for regular benefits that is a combined wage claim; (d) to work-share benefits reimbursed by the federal government; or (e) to certain benefits chargeable based on employment with the federal government.

Under current law, some UI benefit payments are not charged to a specific employer's account but are instead charged to the balancing account. The state's UI balancing account is supported by the solvency tax paid by employers and any interest earned on the state's UI trust

fund balance. There are seven basic categories of benefit payments charged to the balancing account: 10% write-offs, quits, misconduct, substantial fault, continued employment, approved training, and second benefit year. In the past, there have been other benefit programs that have been charged to the balancing account, including in 2002 when state temporary supplemental benefits were charged to the account.

3. WORK SHARE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Temporarily suspend, from the effective date of the provision through December 31, 2020, certain requirements of voluntary work-share plans submitted by employers, including: (a) the requirement that a work-share plan be limited to a particular work unit of the employer; (b) the requirement that the reduction in working hours under a work-share program must be at least 10% but not more than 50% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under the plan; (c) the requirements that at least 10% of the employees in a work unit be included in a work-share plan, and that the employer provide for initial coverage under the plan of at least 20 positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program; and (d) the requirement that reduced working hours be apportioned equitably among employees in the work-share program.

Specify that, during the suspension period: (a) work-share plans cover any employees of the employer; (b) the permissible reduction in working hours under a work-share program be not more than 60% of the normal hours per week of the employees included under a work-share plan; and (c) work-share plans cover at least two positions that are filled on the effective date of the work-share program.

Require the Department to allow employers to submit applications under this section using an online form, and require DWD to assist employers with submitting applications and developing work-share plans.

Allow the DWD Secretary to waive compliance with any temporary change required under this provision if the Secretary determines that the waiver of the requirement is necessary to permit continued federal certification of the state's UI program, or is necessary for the state to qualify for full federal financial participation in the cost of administration of the state's work-share program and in the financing of UI benefits to employees participating in the work-share program.

Work-share programs, which are also called "short-term compensation programs" under federal law, are designed to provide a prorated unemployment benefit for employees of employers who voluntarily make an agreement with the state to reduce work hours instead of laying off workers. For states that currently have a federally approved work-share program, like Wisconsin, the CARES Act would provide 100% federally funded UI benefits through December 31, 2020. Under current law, Wisconsin's work-share program is funded entirely through the employer's UI account.

4. EMPLOYEE RECORDS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Provide that during the period covered by a state of emergency related to a public health

emergency declared by the Governor, an employer is not required to provide an employee's personnel records within seven working days after an employee makes a request to inspect his or her personnel records, and an employer is not required to provide the inspection at a location reasonably near the employee's place of employment during normal working hours.

The statutes provide an employee or former employee has a right, with some exceptions, to inspect an employer's personnel documents that are used or have been used to determine the employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, termination or other disciplinary action, as well as view the employer's medical records of the employee. An employee may make such a request up to two times each calendar year. The provision would suspend, only during a public health emergency, the application of the two requirements described that employers must otherwise follow in accommodating an inspection request.

Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19

From: Michael Pochowski <mpochowski@ewala.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19

Dear Sen. Testin,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy!

We understand the Wisconsin Assembly will be meeting on Tuesday next week to vote on a bill dealing with COVID-19 issues, funding and provider immunity provisions.

Please make sure Assisted Living and Long-Term Care is included in Medicaid \ Family Care Funding Reimbursement

Assisted Living facilities are facing significant challenges recruiting caregivers - much worse during this COVID-19 situation. Further, because of the risks - recruitment \ labor costs (caregiver and staff wages) have significantly increased. We are having to provide temporary "hazard pay" that is sometimes double and triple what used to be the normal wage.

Liability for Providers of Health Services During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency [Page 17, Item 5]

As an Assisted Living provider - I want to make sure that "Assisted Living" providers are included in the definition of a health care provider in this bill:

- Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs)
- Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCACs)
- Adult Family Homes (AFHs) - both licensed and certified.

Just like the legislature provided liability \ immunity protections to assisted living providers under 2011 Wisconsin Act 2 - we want to make sure we are included in this legislation dealing with this COVID-19 crisis.

Keep in mind, this COVID-19 emergency immunity is needed for assisted living and long-term care providers. When COVID-19 is diagnosed in the facility - as you know, the goal is to try and provide those healthcare services in these facilities so they don't have to enter the hospital setting. The goal is to do our best to maintain our elderly and disabled residents in the long-term care facility - as we have caregivers. And, for those that do enter a hospital setting the goal then becomes discharging them out of the hospital as soon as possible and back to their care facility to fully recover - again, as there are caregivers there that can help more quickly open up that needed hospital bed.

If you have any questions for me, please let me know.

Be well and take care!

Thanks!

Mike

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:06 PM
To: 'Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov' <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; 'Aicher, Natalie' <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19

Dear Senator Testin,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy.

I wanted to let you know we sent the attached letter to Governor Evers and we are also contacting members of the legislature such as yourself to ask for help too.

As I'm sure you're hearing from others, our main issues involving staffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and regulatory flexibility.

While we understand the intent of the federal government providing increased/enhanced unemployment benefits, this actually causes a disincentive for people to find jobs now – particularly in our industry where our members may be caring for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are only able to pay lower hourly wages. In addition, it is a barrier for retaining current staff.

Also, we are having a significantly difficult time obtaining PPE – masks, gloves, etc. While this is a national problem, more help is needed. We understand the state of Wisconsin is receiving shipments of PPE from the national strategic stockpile (FEMA) but none of that PPE is being designated for assisted living facilities. This is very concerning as our assisted living facility members have very low supplies to none at all.

Finally, regulatory flexibility would be very helpful to allow us to quickly have new staff provide care and services to the residents. The Department of Health Services is working with the Governor's office on this and we hope to have additional information about this soon.

If you have any questions for me, please let me know.

Be well and take care!

Thanks!

Mike

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From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Mayo Clinic Health System leaders COVID financial briefing 4 pm today
Importance: High

From: Schubring, Randal R. (Randy) <Schubring.Randy@mayo.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Rep.James <Rep.James@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Billings <Rep.Billings@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Doyle <Rep.Doyle@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Oldenburg <Rep.Oldenburg@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Quinn <Rep.Quinn@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Petryk <Rep.Petryk@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Pronschinske <Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Summerfield <Rep.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Stafsholt <Rep.Stafsholt@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.VanderMeer <Rep.VanderMeer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Emerson <Rep.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bewley <Sen.Bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Schachtner <Sen.Schachtner@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Shilling <Sen.Shilling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Smith <Sen.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Zimmerman <Rep.Zimmerman@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Carstens, Sara A., M.P.H. <Carstens.Sara@mayo.edu>; Wildt, Teri L. <Wildt.Teri@mayo.edu>
Subject: Mayo Clinic Health System leaders COVID financial briefing 4 pm today
Importance: High

Western Wisconsin Senators and Assembly Members,

On behalf of Wisconsin's Mayo Clinic Health System leaders, Dr. Rick Helmers, Dr. Paul Mueller, Jason Craig and Mike Morrey, I am writing to invite you to a conference call this afternoon at 4 pm CST. We recognize that this is short notice, but have some critical updates to share with this group in regards to the current COVID-19 pandemic response and related financial stabilization efforts that we will need to pursue.

The meeting will be hosted via a Global Crossing conference call:

1. Call 1-866-365-4406
2. At the prompt, press 2337779#
3. You will enter the conference call

Please plan to call into the above phone number by 3:59 pm to work through the log-in process so everyone is ready by 4pm, if possible. We will plan on a brief roll-call to start, and then shift to updates on our current pandemic response efforts and next steps that are planned. We aim for this to be an interactive conversation where we can secure your feedback and insights. We will aim to conclude the meeting by 4:15 am, if possible.

If you are unable to join the call, additional information can be provided by email later as a follow up.

Sincere regards,
Randy

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Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Schultz, Jeff
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Legislative Briefing with WHEDA, PSC, and DVA - Tomorrow @ 3PM

From: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 8:22 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate - External Senders <ALLSEN.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly - External Senders <ALLASM.EXT@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Pennoyer, Kara - GOV <kara.pennoyer1@wisconsin.gov>; Hilton, Stephanie - GOV <stephanie.hilton1@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Legislative Briefing with WHEDA, PSC, and DVA - Tomorrow @ 3PM

Good evening,

I wanted to invite everyone to another legislative briefing we will be holding tomorrow afternoon:

Friday, April 10th - WHEDA, PSC, and DVA

3:00pm – 4:30pm
Call in number: (608) 316-9000
Passcode: 8281038#

To submit a question for the briefing use this link:

<http://30.selectsurvey.net/doa/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82MMmm3K> Questions emailed directly to me will not be answered on this call, they will need to be submitted through the form. We will only be answering questions that are submitted in advance for this briefing. This website will close 30min before the briefing.

Thanks,
ZM

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Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Emerson, James; Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Mayor Zachary Vruwink Calls on WI Legislature to Give Local Government Flexibility on Property Tax Deadlines

-----Original Message-----

From: Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Vruwink, Zach <ZVruwink@wirapids.org>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Mayor Zachary Vruwink Calls on WI Legislature to Give Local Government Flexibility on Property Tax Deadlines

The subject lines says FWD:

Where did this go before coming to us?

Also, this pandemic is going to absolutely destroy our state budget. Very tough to promise that everyone will be whole in the end. Just being open and upfront on that. We have no idea of the full impact yet.

Scott

From: Vruwink, Zach [ZVruwink@wirapids.org]
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Rep.Krug; Sen.Testin
Subject: Fwd: Mayor Zachary Vruwink Calls on WI Legislature to Give Local Government Flexibility on Property Tax Deadlines

Good Morning Senator Testin and Representative Krug,

Please see the attached letter. Underscoring the letter is the urgency and regular contacts we're receiving about the April 30th installment. For context \$6million is outstanding of the \$12m tac levy. Probably should have included some of that context. We have liquidity through summer.

Lastly, we're vehemently opposed to having any reduction in state aid payments due to a shortfall in revenue. It's past time the State make Municipalities whole for essential services we provide.

Sincerely,
Mayor Zach Vruwink

Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Public Records Request (WI-SEN-20-0893)
Attachments: WI-SEN-20-0893.pdf

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request (WI-SEN-20-0893)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Wisconsin's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Vibha Kannan
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
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PRR: WI-SEN-20-0893

Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Schultz, Jeff
Subject: FW: A website user has asked to subscribe to the senator's eNewsletter

From: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: A website user has asked to subscribe to the senator's eNewsletter

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From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Info you requested

From: Town of richfield Richfield <richfieldclerk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Info you requested

Hello- Thanks for talking today.

Rich Sternhagen, owner of Ace Hardware in Adams (online ace of adams) is the person that helped me out with the Plexiglass guards for elections.

Tanya Burrows,

Clerk Town of Richfield, Adams County WI richfieldclerk@yahoo.com

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Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Helf, Becky
Cc: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Becky:

Wisconsin is scheduled to get \$51 million for child care services from the Federal CARES act that can go towards a number of things, including child care center relief, in order to help center's stay open or reopen once the emergency order is lifted.

At the state level, we will need some non-statutory language to allow the Department of Children and Families to spend money in the ways recommended by the federal government. I have advocated for such language to be included in the COVID package we will be taking up next week in the legislature. It is my hope it will be added.

I will update you next week. Stay well.

Sincerely,

Patrick Testin
State Senator
24th Senate District

From: Helf, Becky [bhelf@uwsp.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Sen.Testin
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Hi Natalie,

I was hoping to follow up with you/Patrick about what the Republican leadership has come out with what is at least their initial COVID-19 legislation.

Our program is currently closed here at UWSP. In surveying our families, only approx. 10 children would return if we were to reopen right now. I have spoken with both Ministry and Ascension HR and they have both indicated that their employees have not indicated an unmet need for child care. I have spoken with our local child care resource and referral agency along with DCF regarding the surveys that were sent out to determine child care needs. Both have indicated there is not an unmet need in our area currently. This is all great news, but my question at this time is what is the thinking of how programs like ours here are to proceed through this pandemic?

Since closing due to COVID-19, we have not been charging our families anything! We are still expensing fulltime staff salaries and benefits, which for us is roughly \$9,000/week. Without state or federal support to offset this cost we face the possibility of not being able to reopen which is would unfortunate for our community as we already lack in having many high quality programs. I am looking for some direction behind the thought process on the state level regarding this? Should we be charging families the regular amount through this? Should we only charge them a reduced amount to cover our expenses? Should we not be paying staff and laying them off instead?

Please provide some direction...

Thank you,

Becky L. Helf

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From: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

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Becky,

I shared your email with Sen. Testin and he asked me to send you the following we received from DCF this morning.

"Dear Legislators,

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a [request for care](#) through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new [child care map](#).

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the [DCF COVID-19 Child Care webpage](#).

We ask that you please *spread the word about the website and the map in your communities to our essential workforce families in need of child care.*"

Please know that discussions are ongoing amongst Legislators and state agencies during this time and that Sen. Testin will keep your concerns and suggestions that you expressed in mind.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mark Tyler <MarkT@oemfab.com>
Subject: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19
Importance: High

Good morning,

Sorry to be bothering you all on a Sunday, perhaps you are first reading this Monday. **I am curious what discussions/considerations are being had at the state level to address the struggles ALL child care programs in WI are currently facing whether open or closed.** Below are links to what is/will be done in Vermont and Minnesota.

https://vtdigger.org/2020/03/27/to-save-child-care-sector-during-crisis-vermont-promises-to-cover-tuition/?fbclid=IwAR3xpBG6CpbzGDjibsaxqCqpsQru_3SiG8-V8OkEQtQZayNyDb3Q6bmRNNk

<https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2020/03/its-a-start-how-the-legislatures-covid-19-bill-aims-to-help-minnesota-child-care-providers/>

I am concerned about the children, families, and ECE staff in our state staying safe and healthy and reducing community spread of the virus, while their families in essential roles are needed to work to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to encourage families to follow these restrictions (as the current language of encouraging essential workers ONLY is not strong enough) much more direct communication/expectations from the state and DCF is needed. Furthermore, to ensure the viability of childcare programs during this time and the workforce to return we need the following:

- Full or subsidized partial payment for every child that is not attending that is normally enrolled to deter non-essential workers drop off
- OR expand to all children receive subsidized partial payments
- All regulated and legally operating childcares need to be eligible, not just those participating in Youngstar

If we don't receive full or partial payments, then if/when we are able to reopen there will be large increases in tuition and fees to make up for the debt incurred, which will hurt any economic recovery going forward. If all providers are not included, then those who don't receive any sort of subsidy will not enforce the rules and community spread will not be slowed they will just take the excess children who could be staying at home with a household member.

With that, what is Wisconsin doing?

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

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From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: FW: Marshfield Clinic Letter on COVI Package
Attachments: Marshfield Clinic on COVID Package.pdf

From: Natzke, Ryan J <natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:09 PM

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Cc: Tony Langenohl (tony@capitolconsultants.net) <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Subject: Marshfield Clinic Letter on COVI Package

Hello,

I have attached a letter from Marshfield Clinic Health System CEO Dr. Susan Turney with our thoughts on the COVID Package. I have pulled out our key thoughts below. The impact the current situation has had on Marshfield Clinic Health System and on our rural communities is unlike anything we have seen in healthcare before. We appreciate your work on these extremely important issues to help us and the communities we serve remain sustainable into the future.

- **Resources for Personal Protective Equipment, Testing and Other HealthCare Related costs.** As hospitals we are all experiencing significant shortages in personal protective equipment and testing supplies, we support funding proposals that will directly help hospitals acquire needed resources to effectively and safely test and treat patients with COVID 19.
- **Hospital and Health System Funding and Stability.** Hospitals, and particularly rural and financially strained hospitals and health systems are at serious risk of meeting their missions to care for their communities into the future. As stated above we, and others, are facing significant cash flow problems as a result of cancelling elective procedures under government directives to protect the public health.

While we know there will be support from the federal government, we also know it will not be enough to ensure our state's hospitals are protected from this crisis. We strongly support local efforts from the State to provide payments to hospitals. Any and all financial resources the legislature can provide to hospitals are needed. Our neighboring state legislatures and Governors have allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to support their

hospitals and health care providers. We ask the legislature to do the same in Wisconsin and prioritize hospitals, the providers on the front lines of defense, during this crisis.

- **Flexibility and 1135 Waivers.** We have been working closely with state departments to help us meet the upcoming demand that we may face in the days, weeks and months to come. The 1135 waivers provided to state agencies will help us to prepare and give our patients and communities the support they need during this time.
- **Create a 60-Day Deferred Payments Fund.** We want to do the right thing and help our Health Plan's members to maintain coverage while they are facing financial hardships. For plans issued through healthcare.gov with a subsidy, CMS recently issued guidance that prohibits plans from extending grace periods; therefore, the only premium flexibility option that plans have is extending premium due dates, which result in plans accepting liability for claim payments with no guarantee of receiving premium. For plans issued in the small group market, carriers may extend grace periods; however, state law requires that plans pay claims during the grace period, which again results in plans accepting liability for claim payments with no guarantee of receiving premium.

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Further, the pandemic may necessitate that health systems make difficult decisions relative to the allocation of scarce resources. It is imperative that health care providers and their respective health care organizations have protection from claims brought by patients and their families which are based upon actions taken in good faith and in the best interest of all patients during a medical crisis. This immunity should extend as long as the pandemic exists and should apply to any claims which arise during the declared National Emergency regardless of when they are asserted.

Thank you,

Ryan



Ryan Natzke

Chief External Affairs Officer

Marshfield Clinic Health System

Office: 715-221-8691 | **Cell:** 608-513-4204



Marshfield Clinic Health System

1000 North Oak Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

April 10, 2020

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your leadership at a time when the entire health care industry mobilizes to confront the continued spread of COVID-19 throughout the United States. Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS) is the nation's largest rural-based, integrated health system and we have taken the necessary steps to prepare our community for this battle. However, we implore you to recognize the crucial role that rural health care providers like MCHS continue to play in the immediate response to this pandemic, and the vital position we will play in our state and nation's economic recovery. We implore you to do whatever you can to ensure that the health care industry is able sustain our operations in the short term and prepare for revitalization post COVID, particularly in rural communities.

As a health system, our 1,200 healthcare providers accommodate 3.5 million patient encounters each year across our 7 hospitals and nearly 60 clinical sites in more than 35 primarily rural communities (most of which have a population of less than 2,000 people). Since our founding as a physician's practice over a century ago, we have been recognized as an industry leader in providing high-quality, affordable and accessible care to the communities we serve in the north and central portions of our state.

Since the first days of the COVID-19 crisis, MCHS has been aggressively and proactively taking steps to protect our patients, employees and the communities we serve. Like the vast majority of other systems and hospitals, we cancelled nearly all elective and deferrable procedures, as well as significantly curtailed the volume of our ambulatory clinical visits. This was a necessity to preserve crucial medical supplies for an expected surge of COVID-19 cases, as well as to redeploy staff to be at the frontlines.

However, this has come at a cost to our system's operating budget. We estimate our revenues have fallen more than 60 percent in a matter of weeks, and will continue to suffer for the duration of this crisis. We typically operate on a 1-3% margin as a System. While some larger health systems have the ability to use cash reserves to survive this disruption, MCHS and other rural healthcare providers simply cannot.

Rural communities are older, sicker and less financially well-off than more populated areas with high proportions of the population in programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. We have struggled for years with inadequate reimbursement for providing high-quality, accessible care. Combined with the fact that rural communities never fully recovered from the 2008 economic downturn, rural healthcare was in crisis before the emergence of COVID-19. The pandemic now represents an existential threat to the rural healthcare infrastructure that supports communities across the country.

We are pleased to see that Governor Evers and the legislature are putting forward proposals to address issues currently facing our state. In whatever package you come to agreement on, we would urge you to include the following:

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Taking the concrete steps highlighted in this letter would help provide MCHS with much needed stability during the most urgent period of the COVID crisis. Without significant support, I am concerned that a number of rural facilities will face significant financial challenges and decisions, just when the pandemic will demand every resource we have available to us to care for our patients and the communities we serve and call home. Shoring up rural hospitals and health systems is required to ensure that we can serve our patients and communities during the crisis, and fulfill our role as community leaders after the acute phase of the pandemic is behind us.

Marshfield Clinic Health System is one of the foundational institutions in our region of the state. As we seek to recover from the devastating effect that the COVID crisis has had on the entire country, and will have, on our economy and our society, rural communities will need assistance and commitments from a variety of stakeholders to ensure their sustainability. As the largest employer in Central and Northern Wisconsin, we will play an integral role in these efforts. Without these reliable jobs, rural communities will suffer. Additionally, if as a state and nation we are committed to promoting a thriving and prosperous rural economy, we must ensure that rural communities can count on high-quality, affordable and accessible healthcare. Without it, rural communities will not be able to sustain and grow in the years to come.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me directly (turney.susan@marshfieldclinic.org) or Ryan Natzke, the system's Chief External Affairs Officer (natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org).

Sincerely,



Susan L. Turney, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Marshfield Clinic Health System

Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Cheryl Roberts
Subject: RE: CANCEL PRIMARY

Dear Cheryl:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns with the April 7th election proceeding as scheduled. I am sorry your anxiety is so high, and I do understand that the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic have cast uncertainty on many aspects of our daily lives. The situation with the Spring Election was not ideal. However, please allow me to explain the timeline events and why it was important for our election to proceed as scheduled, especially so late in the process.

Since the beginning of the Public Health Emergency, Governor Evers had been steadfast on his desire to continue moving forward with a traditional spring election. Up until March 27th, legislators, municipal leaders and all Wisconsinites were told that the election would continue as normal. The administration continued to update legislators about preparations that were being done to ensure safety at the polls and assured that it was moving forward without issue.

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The election date is written in statute and holding the election on the designated date ensures that those elected to office are serving the term they were elected for and not overstepping it. No matter the candidate, it is extremely important for our democracy that elected officials serve the term they were elected for, including those who will be newly elected following the election. That is why cancelling the primary would have been problematic. It had been refreshing that the Legislature and the Governor's office were able to agree on this.

Therefore, it was a surprise when the next day on March 27th, there appeared to be a sudden change in approach. The Governor unexpectedly urged the Legislature to quickly reconvene and make drastic changes to our election process, requiring every registered Wisconsin voter to be sent an absentee ballot only ten days prior to the election date.

With that announcement, many flags were raised with my local municipal clerks and those around the state. The logistics associated with mailing a ballot to each registered voter would certainly be too much to accomplish given the time frame. Not only was it less than two weeks from the election, but there were already reported shortages of envelopes, ballots, and manpower.

Furthermore, there would have been a significant amount of wasted resources on this proposal. Of 3.3 million registered voters in Wisconsin, only 2.2 million voted in the 2016 presidential election. Mailing ballots to every one of those 3.3 million voters would be extremely costly, creating a vast amount of wasted funds and blank ballots floating around. Therefore, the Legislature could not come to an agreement with the Governor on this proposal. I greatly preferred maintaining legitimacy in ballot distribution and favored putting the state funding towards mitigating the damage COVID-19 has had on our state's workforce, assisting unemployed workers and struggling businesses.

Despite the rejection of this proposal, it appeared the election was set to move forward smoothly. More people requested absentee ballots than the total votes cast in the 2019 Spring Primary and 2012 Presidential Primary. That was reassuring that with the preparations and safety guidelines being implemented at polling places, there would be relief for the poll workers on numbers of in-person voters.

Then on April 3rd, the Friday before the election, the Governor announced he was calling for a Special Session on the proposal to conduct the election entirely by mail and mail every registered voter an absentee ballot – a proposal the Legislature had already rejected. With over one million ballots already requested and over half a million already cast, the duplicate ballots being sent out and wasted resources would be astronomical. Furthermore, it was requested that that the

Legislature allow ballots to be returned until May 19th, opening up a significant window for the integrity of the election to be put into question.

Moving the date of the election was not something the administration endorsed until the day before the election and would result in obstructing the enforcement of proper election terms and an excess of wasted resources that could go towards COVID-19 relief for Wisconsinites.

Election officials and municipal clerks from around the state have been working around the clock and were confident that safety can be maintained for poll workers and voters and have urged for the election to continue as scheduled so their tireless work will not be in vain. Absentee ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and are received by April 13th will be counted to account for any delay in delivery. The National Guard was on hand to assist polling places with staffing and a variety of public health safety measures were put in place for poll workers and those who needed to vote on Election Day.

I and my wife Hannah worked the polls in the town of Hull on election day and I felt the measures taken to ensure the health and safety of the poll workers and the voters was excellent. The town did a top notch job of preparing for the election, and I know a majority of other municipalities also worked tirelessly to make sure the election ran smoothly and safely.

I certainly understand that Election Day this year was different and understand your concerns with the circumstances that COVID-19 has presented to us. However, as I said earlier, it is important that despite the circumstances we are currently in, that the staple of our democracy continue. This was not about partisanship, it is about ensuring that our democratic process is maintained.

I believe that voting is an essential service and should be available to those who were not able to vote absentee prior to Election Day. Preservation of our democracy is more essential than Wal-Mart, the liquor store, and take-out. Presidential Candidate Joe Biden agreed with the necessity of keeping the election saying, "We cannot let this, we've never allowed any crisis from the Civil War straight through to the pandemic of ... 16, we have never, never let our democracy sakes(sic) second fiddle. We can both have a Democracy and Elections and at the same time correct the public health."

I understand that you did not want the election to continue as scheduled, but I hope that this was able to shed some light on why it could not be delayed. Please know that I will continue to work with my colleagues, as well as the administration to ensure that Wisconsin prevails through the difficult challenges that COVID-19 has created. I hope that you continue to stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Testin
State Senator
24th Senate District
608-266-3123*

From: Cheryl Roberts <outlook_9E8BCC13CAE43C08@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2020 10:57 PM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CANCEL PRIMARY

I am a 72 year old woman living alone. My anxiety is off the charts. Please cancel the primary in WI this Tuesday. I beg you to save lives.

Cheryl Roberts
128 Walkins Ct
Stevens Point WI, 54481

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Nicholas Abts
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Plea

Dear Nicholas:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns with the April 7th election proceeding as scheduled. I do understand that the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic have cast uncertainty on many aspects of our daily lives.

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Therefore, it was a surprise when the next day on March 27th, there appeared to be a sudden change in approach. The Governor unexpectedly urged the Legislature to quickly reconvene and make drastic changes to our election process, requiring every registered Wisconsin voter to be sent an absentee ballot only ten days prior to the election date.

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At that point, election officials and municipal clerks from around the state had been working around the clock and most were confident that safety would be maintained for poll workers and voters and urged for the election to continue as scheduled so their tireless work would not be in vain. Absentee ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and are received by April 13th will be counted to account for any delay in delivery. The National Guard was on hand to assist polling places with staffing and a variety of public health safety measures have been put in place for poll workers and those who must vote on Election Day.

I don't believe anyone, regardless of their political affiliation, was happy with how the situation played out. But, elections are a constitutional right and I believe that voting is an essential service and should be available to those who either chose, or were not able to vote absentee prior to Election Day. And it appears many did choose to vote absentee. But, also a number choose to come to the polls. And thanks to the tireless work of a lot individuals, I believe it was made as safe as possible.

I understand that you may disagree with the election continuing as scheduled, but please know that I will continue to work with my colleagues, as well as the administration to ensure that Wisconsin prevails through the difficult challenges that COVID-19 has created. I hope that you continue to stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Testin
State Senator
24th Senate District*

From: Nicholas Abts <nicholas.abts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Plea

Senator Testin and Representative Krug,

As my Wisconsin state representatives, I write to beg you to tell your leadership to agree to postpone tomorrow's election. If you fail to convince them, I call on you to make public statements in favor of postponing the election.

The Governor's order was unconstitutional, of course, and if he were wiser and less politically calculating he would have attempted it earlier in order to force this decision sooner, before the eve of the election. Nevertheless, postponing the election is the right thing to do and the legislature must act.

I am familiar with the procedural arguments. This is an extraordinary situation in which lives are at stake. A postponement in which the election does ultimately occur does not fundamentally visit an injustice upon your constituents.

Real leadership is needed during a crisis. Lives are at stake. The risk you are forcing people to take with their health and their lives in order to vote is unreasonable.

Your leaders have revealed their unfitness for the positions they hold. Please seize the opportunity to do otherwise. The Governor acted much later than he should have in responding to this crisis, and sadly your party's response appears to be to run a race to the bottom that it is becoming well-practiced at winning. Though I'm not sure if either of you is motivated by the long view of history, it may be worth considering what future generations will think of a cohort of Wisconsin legislators who feared losing power more than they feared failing their constituents in the worst possible way.

Having met both of you in person, I believe you capable of real leadership. There is no better - indeed, no other - time to stand up and be counted as a public servant. This is your responsibility; please do not let people die needlessly on your watch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicholas R. Abts
nicholas.abts@gmail.com

Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Phil Neff
Subject: RE: elections and public safety

Dear Phil,

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Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Phil Neff <pneff10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: elections and public safety

Dear Sen. Testin,

Please remind your Republican colleagues that if there is a large spike in Wisconsin Covid 19 cases in the next 5 to 20 days we the voters will remind our neighbors of the Republican leadership's consideration for the health of Wisconsin citizens when they refused to consider any changes in election rules. I will remember & I will remind everyone I come across how the Republicans cared more about their power than the health and

lives of the citizens of Wisconsin. This was a defining moment in the character and duty to citizens of Wisconsin and they failed. I will remember and I always vote.

Please remember you were elected to represent the interests and welfare of the citizens who elected you. Please do what is right for the welfare of our district, for the welfare of our state, and not only what serves the interests of those in power. I am unsure how we have arrived at the level of tribal partisanship being promoted by Mr. Voss and Mr. Steineke, but I implore you to escape a perspective that sacrifices the long term good and harmony of our beloved Wisconsin for current political power.

Phil Neff Plover, WI

Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: Call List April 10th

From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Call List April 10th

Sorry there was one more I missed -- meant to take off Angela Berger since we couldn't find her number and accidentally took off Sherry Fay:

- 1) Sherry Fay
Phone: 715-824-5075
Message: Spring election

No answer

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Call List April 10th

Pat here is the updated list. We had some added from Jeff from the voicemail this morning.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call List April 10th

Pat --

Here is the call list.

- 1) Scott Roberts
Phone: 715-592-6697
Message: Called regarding spring election
- 2) Steve Bjella
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Phone:
Message: Spring Election
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- 6) Jeanette Wilson
Phone: 715-335-6581
Message: Spring Election
- 7) Rev. Jane Johnson
Phone: 715-544-4082
Message: Spring Election
- 8) Lorry Erickson
Phone: 608-378-3014
Message: Spring Election
- 9) Michael Juris
Phone: 715-824-3829 or 715-824-5524
Message: Spring Election
- 10) Tanya Burrows
Phone: 715-228-2212
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- 11) Brad Hillestad (tomah)
Phone: 217-521-1920
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- 12) Brian Biga, Stevens Point
Phone: 715-252-1195
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Phone: 414-315-0906
Message: Left a message; voted absentee with no problem, wanted your take on some other issues going on in the state.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: Call List April 10th

From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Call List April 10th

Pat here is the updated list. We had some added from Jeff from the voicemail this morning.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call List April 10th

Pat –

Here is the call list.

- 1) Scott Roberts
Phone: 715-592-6697
Message: Called regarding spring election

No Answer

- 2) Steve Bjella
Phone: 715-572-0473
Message: Called regarding spring election

Spoke with Steve. Explained why it was not possible to move the date. He was understanding but hope we will work to making sure elections are safe for the Fall

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Phone: 715-697-3828
Message: disabled but works and has been blocked from receiving UI – a call would be helpful

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- 4) Angela Berger
Phone:
Message: Spring Election

No Number

- 5) Bob Worden
Phone: 715-340-0698
Message: Spring Election

Spoke him. Gave the same explanation as above, he was understanding of my position but still disagreed.

Follow up item for him: He had a question regarding about a potential law change as it relates to his hunting land. Owns 80 acres that he normally payed around \$500 a year in property taxes (I believe he said it was in MFL) but this year his taxes doubled and he was told it was because of a law change. I told him we would look into it and get back to him.

6) Jeanette Wilson

Phone: 715-335-6581

Message: Spring Election

After I explained why the date couldn't be moved because of the Constitution she was very understanding and frustrated that wasn't reported in the media.

7) Rev. Jane Johnson

Phone: 715-544-4082

Message: Spring Election

Left msg

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Best,

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Office of Senator Patrick Testin

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Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE

Tom Ludwig
Sheriff Becker
Dan Meyer

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2020, at 3:23 PM, Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Pat:
Do you have anybody in district who would like to talk to this gentleman?

If not, I think we put him in touch with DHS, or DOA.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Emerson, James; Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE

Pat & Jim,

Do we have any contacts we would like to put Neil in contact with? Do we want to share those in the District and then check with DHS after?

Best,

From: Neil Denny Jr <Neil.Denny@chemsearchfe.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE
Importance: High

Dear Senator Testin,

Not sure if you remember me from when you attended a few of our Eagle Scout Ceremonies in Plover, WI over the years while I was Scoutmaster of Troop 201 of St. Bronislava Parish.

The reason I am reaching out to you today is that I work for the Chemsearch Division of NCH Corp. We are a family owned 100 year old chemical manufacturer headquartered in Irving, TX. The company has

put our resources to work to help local reps, such as myself a 31 year resident of Plover, provide our customers, local communities and State level departments access to much sought after PPE masks during this truly trying time for our communities.

We just maxed out the 1.5 million masks we have arriving soon but I just found out that my company has ordered another shipment that is scheduled to arrive the week of April 27th. I have attached the important certification information on the KN-95 masks mentioned in attached info sheet. Please reference the email below for more information.

A few local communities have reached out to me placing orders but I thought contacting you may help get the word out to a broader group of contacts at the State and local level. Not sure the best way to do this since I have not approached things this way before. If you can provide me some direction on who to contact I can take it from there.

By no means am I looking for an endorsement or anything special, just a nudge in the right direction to get to the appropriate points of contact if you are able.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Neil I. Denny Jr.
Facility Reliability Specialist
34 Years of Service
ChemsearchFE, NCH Corp.
cell 715-498-3704
neil.denny@chemsearchfe.com

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(This is the email I have been sending to customers and I am happy to say we have been able to help many local businesses get set up to receive these important items.)

Good afternoon ,

Please forward if needed.

I received an email late yesterday from our Safety and Maintenance Supply catalogue division. As an important customer of mine I wanted to pass this information on to you. **Both these masks are FDA Certified and NIOSH tested and certified.**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

We are getting a supply of the KN95 and 3-Ply 95% filtration face masks (see attached) in the week of April 27th

We are taking orders now that will be filled First IN / First OUT while this shipment supply lasts.

This is a time sensitive notification, please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these items.

I just received this info... you can mix and match between the 2 masks to reach the minimum 'BOX' order as listed on the attached info sheet.

The 3-Ply 95% filtration masks are...

\$0.649 each in a case of 2,000 = \$1,299.95 per case

\$0.70 each in a box of 50 = \$34.95 per box

The KN95 masks are...

\$2.99995 each in a case of 1,000 = \$2,999.95 per case

\$3.1975 each in a box of 20 per box = \$63.95 box

Let me know,

Thank you,

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Neil I. Denny Jr.

Water Treatment Specialist

33 Years of Service

ChemsearchFE, H2O Solutions

cell 715-498-3704

neil.denny@chemsearchfe.com

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Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: Re: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2020, at 4:41 PM, Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Can I say in the email to Becky Helf that you will be advocating for the nonstat language in the legislative package?

Jim

From: Liedl, Kimber
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Hi, Jim, here's the background on what's going on. The CARES Act provides Wisconsin with \$51 million that can go towards a number of things, including child care center relief to help them stay open/reopen once the emergency order is lifted.

In the Wisconsin state legislative COVID bill, we will need to adopt nonstat language to allow DCF to spend the money in the ways recommended by the federal government:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/summary-of-child-care-provisions-of-cares-act>
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If we don't include that language in the bill, then it will be difficult for the department to get the allocated federal dollars to child care centers like Becky's. Senator Testin may want to encourage the inclusion of that nonstat language in our legislative package (it's not a sure thing yet) so that your constituent and others can get the needed relief, stay open, and enable the parents of the children in their care to go to work once the emergency order is lifted.

Let me know if you have any additional questions. I also attached DCF's legislative request to this email.
Kimber

From: Emerson, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Liedl, Kimber
Subject: FW: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Kimber:

I'm hoping your agency background can help a little on this. I've talked to John Gentry at LFB about what's in the Federal bill, and how there is \$51 million coming, that can be put into new programs, with no income restrictions. He mentioned that some of the money can be used to help daycare programs stay open or open back up.

Before I respond back to Ms. Helf and talk about the federal bill and the money that should be available, do you have any insight or advice to add?

Jim
Senator Testin's Office

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Testin, Patrick; Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

What should we convey to Becky?

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Hi Natalie,

I was hoping to follow up with you/Patrick about what the Republican leadership has come out with what is at least their initial COVID-19 legislation.

Our program is currently closed here at UWSP. In surveying our families, only approx. 10 children would return if we were to reopen right now. I have spoken with both Ministry and Ascension HR and they have both indicated that their employees have not indicated an unmet need for child care. I have spoken with our local child care resource and referral agency along with DCF regarding the surveys that were sent out to determine child care needs. Both have indicated there is not an unmet need in our area currently. This is all great news, but my question at this time is what is the thinking of how programs like ours here are to proceed through this pandemic?

Since closing due to COVID-19, we have not been charging our families anything! We are still expensing fulltime staff salaries and benefits, which for us is roughly \$9,000/week. Without state or federal support to offset this cost we face the possibility of not being able to reopen which is would unfortunate for our community as we already lack in having many high quality programs. I am looking for some direction behind the thought process on the state level regarding this? Should we be charging families the regular amount through this? Should we only charge them a reduced amount to cover our expenses? Should we not be paying staff and laying them off instead?

Please provide some direction...

Thank you,

Becky L. Helf

Director – University Children's Learning Center
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From: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

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Becky,

I shared your email with Sen. Testin and he asked me to send you the following we received from DCF this morning.

"Dear Legislators,

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a [request for care](#) through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new [child care map](#).

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the [DCF COVID-19 Child Care webpage](#).

We ask that you please spread the word about the website and the map in your communities to our essential workforce families in need of child care."

Please know that discussions are ongoing amongst Legislators and state agencies during this time and that Sen. Testin will keep your concerns and suggestions that you expressed in mind.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mark Tyler <MarkT@oemfab.com>
Subject: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19
Importance: High

Good morning,

Sorry to be bothering you all on a Sunday, perhaps you are first reading this Monday. I am curious what **discussions/considerations are being had at the state level to address the struggles ALL child care programs in WI are currently facing whether open or closed.** Below are links to what is/will be done in Vermont and Minnesota.

https://vtdigger.org/2020/03/27/to-save-child-care-sector-during-crisis-vermont-promises-to-cover-tuition/?fbclid=IwAR3xpBG6CpbzGDjibsaxqCqpsQru_3SiG8-V8OkEQtQZayNyDb3Q6bmRNNk

<https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2020/03/its-a-start-how-the-legislatures-covid-19-bill-aims-to-help-minnesota-child-care-providers/>

I am concerned about the children, families, and ECE staff in our state staying safe and healthy and reducing community spread of the virus, while their families in essential roles are needed to work to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to encourage families to follow these restrictions (as the current language of encouraging essential workers ONLY is not strong enough) much more direct communication/expectations from the state and DCF is needed. Furthermore, to ensure the viability of childcare programs during this time and the workforce to return we need the following:

- Full or subsidized partial payment for every child that is not attending that is normally enrolled to deter non-essential workers drop off
- OR expand to all children receive subsidized partial payments
- All regulated and legally operating childcares need to be eligible, not just those participating in Youngstar

If we don't receive full or partial payments, then if/when we are able to reopen there will be large increases in tuition and fees to make up for the debt incurred, which will hurt any economic recovery going forward. If all providers are not included, then those who don't receive any sort of subsidy will not enforce the rules and community spread will not be slowed they will just take the excess children who could be staying at home with a household member.

With that, what is Wisconsin doing?

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Becky L. Helf

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Emerson, James

From: Sen.Testin
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Info you requested

From: Town of richfield Richfield <richfieldclerk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Info you requested

Hello- Thanks for talking today.

Rich Sternhagen, owner of Ace Hardware in Adams (online ace of adams) is the person that helped me out with the Plexiglass guards for elections.

Tanya Burrows,

Clerk Town of Richfield, Adams County WI richfieldclerk@yahoo.com

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Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 8:20 PM
To: Emerson, James; Aicher, Natalie
Subject: Flagged @pril 7 Contacts

Hey Jim,

Here is how to handle the list.

Phil Neff: Send personalized letter. Remind him that this wasn't a partisan election and we can wrap that into the more detailed we sent out to others.

Angela Berger: Call

Nicholas Abts: personalized email

Sherry Fay: Call

Beth Demicher: Personalized email

Bob Worden: Call

Kathleen Krush: Personalized email. Remind her that I worked the polls for 16 hours and we had zero issues

Roger Skrzeczkoski: same as above

Jeanette Wilson: Call

Terrie Brown: torn on this one; the Bullpen can decide

Sandra Knoll: Personalized email

Cheryl Roberts: personalized email

Jane Johnson: Call

Cheryl Leatherman: Personalized email; explain to her I worked the polls

Susan Jorgenson: personalized email

Jennifer Dolan: personalized email

Natalie Divyak: Call

Brian Tessmer: Personalized email

Larry Erickson: Call

Mary Jo Zurawski: Personalized email. Let her know I worked the polls and that I also have an oath I have to uphold and that's the constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin Legislature

Michael Juris: Call

Tanya Burrows: Call

Ray Schmidt: Personalized email

Joe Kubis: I would normally say yes to a call but he walked out on his duties to faithfully administer his oath of office. He can get a personalized email.

Thanks,

Pat

Schultz, Jeff

From: Testin, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 11:05 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: Re: Letter Draft -

It's good with the final letter you put together. Well done.

Pat

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 7, 2020, at 2:02 PM, Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Okay then when Pat has the time to look it over, here is the one with all the changes:

Dear xxx,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns with the April 7th election proceeding as scheduled. I do understand that the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic have cast uncertainty on many aspects of our daily lives. However, please allow me to explain the timeline events and why it is important for our election to proceed as scheduled, especially this late in the process.

Since the beginning of the Public Health Emergency, Governor Evers had been steadfast on his desire to continue moving forward with a traditional spring election. Up until March 27th, legislators, municipal leaders and all Wisconsinites were told that the election would continue as normal. The administration continued to update legislators about preparations that were being done to ensure safety at the polls and assured that it was moving forward without issue.

An article published as late as March 26th in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel included the following quote, *"Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and top Republican lawmakers have found rare common ground in contending the election should stay on schedule."*

The election date is written in statute and holding the election on the designated date ensures that those elected to office are serving the term they were elected for and not overstepping it. No matter the candidate, it is extremely important for our democracy that elected officials serve the term they were elected for, including those who will be newly elected following the election. It had been refreshing that the Legislature and the Governor's office were able to agree on this.

Therefore, it was a surprise when the next day on March 27th, there appeared to be a sudden change in approach. The Governor unexpectedly urged the Legislature to quickly reconvene and make drastic changes to our election process, requiring every registered Wisconsin voter to be sent an absentee ballot only ten days prior to the election date.

With that announcement, many flags were raised with my local municipal clerks and those around the state. The logistics associated with mailing a ballot to each registered voter would certainly be too much to accomplish given the time frame. Not only was it less than two weeks from the election, but there were already reported shortages of envelopes, ballots, and manpower.

Furthermore, there would have been a significant amount of wasted resources on this proposal. Of 3.3 million registered voters in Wisconsin, only 2.2 million voted in the 2016 presidential election. Mailing ballots to every one of those 3.3 million voters would be extremely costly, creating a vast amount of wasted funds and blank ballots floating around. Therefore, the Legislature could not come to an agreement with the Governor on this proposal. I greatly preferred maintaining legitimacy in ballot distribution and favored putting the state funding towards mitigating the damage COVID-19 has had on our state's workforce, assisting unemployed workers and struggling businesses.

Despite the rejection of this proposal, it appeared the election was set to move forward smoothly. More people requested absentee ballots than the total votes cast in the 2019 Spring Primary and 2012 Presidential Primary. That was reassuring that with the preparations and safety guidelines being implemented at polling places, there would be relief for the poll workers on numbers of in-person voters.

Then on April 3rd, two days from the election, the Governor announced he was calling for a Special Session on the proposal to conduct the election entirely by mail and mail every registered voter an absentee ballot – a proposal the Legislature had already rejected. With over one million ballots already requested and over half a million already cast, the duplicate ballots being sent out and wasted resources would be astronomical. Furthermore, it was requested that the Legislature allow ballots to be returned until May 19th, opening up a significant window for the integrity of the election to be put into question.

Moving the date of the election was not something the administration endorsed until the day before the election and would result in obstructing the enforcement of proper election terms and an excess of wasted resources that could go towards COVID-19 relief for Wisconsinites.

Election officials and municipal clerks from around the state have been working around the clock and are confident that safety can be maintained for poll workers and voters and have urged for the election to continue as scheduled so their tireless work will not be in vain. Absentee ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and are received by April 13th will be counted to account for any delay in delivery. The National Guard is on hand to assist polling places with staffing and a variety of public health safety measures have been put in place for poll workers and those who must vote on Election Day.

I certainly understand that Election Day this year will be different and understand your concerns with the circumstances that COVID-19 has presented to us. However, as I said earlier, it is important that despite the circumstances we are currently in, that the staple of our democracy continue. This is not about partisanship, it is about ensuring that our democratic process is maintained.

I believe that voting is an essential service and should be available to those who were not able to vote absentee prior to Election Day. Preservation of our democracy is more essential than Wal-Mart, the liquor store, and take-out. Presidential Candidate Joe Biden agreed with the necessity of keeping the election saying, *"We cannot let this, we've never allowed any crisis from the Civil War straight through to the pandemic of ... 16, we have never, never let our democracy sakes(sic) second fiddle. We can both have a Democracy and Elections and at the same time correct the public health."*

I understand that you may disagree with the election continuing as scheduled, but I hope that this was able to shed some light on why it could not be delayed. Please know that I will continue to work with my

colleagues, as well as the administration to ensure that Wisconsin prevails through the difficult challenges that COVID-19 has created. I hope that you continue to stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter Draft -

I'm fine leaving it all in. People who are truly worried could value the full explanation.

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To: Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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If we wanted to cut it down, here is a version that is strictly focused on postponing the election:

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Sen. Patrick Testin
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From: Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 1:48 PM

To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Testin, Patrick

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Subject: RE: Letter Draft -

Everything in here is germane and well-written. I have a couple of changes in red, but nothing really substantive. I'm just worried that the length will prevent some people from reading it. I'm good with it though.

Dear xxx,

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timeline events and why it is important for our election to proceed as scheduled, especially this late in the process.

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To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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It's lengthy, but I think it is important to lay out this wasn't just Evers calling off the election and the Legislature rejecting it. The people who actually care about the answer will read more. The yellow is stuff I am not sure if we want included. The end gets a little repetitive, and I can condense it but want to hammer in that this is about preserving democracy despite adversity and that voting is essential.

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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Molina's COVID-19 Response
Attachments: COVID-19 Response Wisconsin Final.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Jeremy Shepherd <jeremey@sgrwi.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hoisington, Joshua <Joshua.Hoisington@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schwanz, Nathan <Nathan.Schwanz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Molina's COVID-19 Response

Hey fellas, hope you are all hanging in there. Just an FYI from Molina...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McGivern, Kelly" <Kelly.McGivern@MolinaHealthCare.Com>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 9:59:08 AM CDT
To: Jeremy Shepherd <jeremey@sgrwi.com>
Subject: COVID-19 Response

Here is a one page document that summarizes steps Molina has taken in response to COVID-19. Can you please share with appropriate lawmakers and staff including in Gov office?

Kelly

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Molina Wisconsin Response COVID-19

March 2020

For 40 years, our mission at Molina has been to improve the health and lives of those who need it most. A health crisis does not change this. As a long-time government partner and steward of community well-being, Molina has taken the following steps to support the actions of Governor Evers, ensure our valued members have access to the care they need, and protect our employees on the front line.

Ensuring access to care:

- Waiving all member costs related to COVID-19
- Promoting use of Teledoc, a 24/7 virtual online system for members to receive medical care without visiting a physician's office
- Allowing prescriptions for chronic conditions to be filled early
- Delivering prescriptions free to members' homes through any CVS Pharmacy, replacing in-person visits to the pharmacy
- Targeted outreach to individuals that are high risk to ensure a back-up plan if health care or other critical services are disrupted and our 24/7 nurse-advice line is prepared to help if needed
- Relaxed prior authorization requirements for medical and pharmacy services during this health crisis
- Access to a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool on website and steps to take per the individuals circumstance
- Allowing deferral of premium payment for marketplace members
- Access to delivered meals for our medically frail members

For more information: Contact our Government Affairs team members.

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(614) 400-9884

Jeremey Shepherd
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(608) 516-7715
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Supporting Governor Ever's efforts to practice social distancing to reduce spread of the virus:

- Deploying statewide multimedia awareness campaign of CDC guidelines and suggestions for safety and, if needed, methods for seeking care
- Communicating this messaging to our employees, and sharing access to the CDC and Wisconsin website
- Through our Nurse Advice Line, actively sharing educational messaging and triaging cases 24/7 to appropriate care settings
- Pre-training those Molina employees who meet with members on CDC screening processes in case of contact with someone who's been exposed to COVID-19
- Hosting conversations on-line with our Chief Medical Officer to answer questions about COVID-19 weekly



To protect our Employees:

- Created an internal taskforce including our Chief Medical Officer that meets daily to ensure uninterrupted service to members and providers in the weeks ahead
- Transitioned employees in Wisconsin to work remotely in the shelter of their homes
- Implemented a process for Molina employees who work face-to-face with members to screen them prior to scheduling in-home visits
- Authorized a payment to a large number of our employees to help offset some of the unanticipated costs (child care, extra food purchase, etc.) associated with the new social distancing guidelines.

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Schultz, Jeff; Testin, Patrick; Emerson, James; Aicher, Natalie
Subject: RE: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Agreed. Might not be a bad thing to sign on to considering all the courses in Pat's district.

From: Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

We should strongly consider this.

From: Rep.Hutton <Rep.Hutton@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: SHORT DEADLINE: Letter to Gov. Evers Requesting the Opening of Golf Courses

Legislative Members,

The Governor has recently advocated for citizens to get outdoors during the Safer At Home order, while still practicing standard social distancing, for both the physical and mental health benefits. However, while many outdoor activities remain open for the public to enjoy, including State Parks, the Governor has ordered the closure of all golf courses in the State of Wisconsin.

Attached is a letter addressed to Governor Evers and cc'd to Legislative leadership requesting that golf courses be allowed to remain open under specific safety and social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Rep. Hutton's office by 12:00pm (noon) tomorrow, March 27th if you would like to sign on.

Andrea Brooks
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Rob Hutton
220N – State Capitol

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: Health Documents
Attachments: Committee Policies and Procedures.docx; Administrative Rulemaking.pdf; AttendanceSheet.docx; VoteSheet.docx

Attached are the Health Committee Policies in case it ever comes up. I always keep a copy on hand for meetings.

Also, I have the attendance sheets, vote sheets, and a guideline on administrative rules attached. These are all located S:\Health Committee

Lastly, I saved some emails that might be useful in this folder: S:\Health Committee\Emails

*Matt Wimmer
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
608-266-3123*

COMMITTEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Senator Patrick Testin

DATE: February 5, 2019

RE: Committee Policies and Procedures

Welcome to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. Below are some policies and procedures that I would like us all to follow to ensure that the Committee runs smoothly. Please note that I reserve the right to make exceptions or modifications to these policies and procedures as I deem necessary.

(1) COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

(A) I will make every attempt to start the Committee proceedings promptly at the scheduled starting time. The start time posted on the committee notice is a hard time and I hope to see everyone arrive at the posted start time.

(B) Legislation before the Committee will not receive a public hearing and executive action on the same day unless I determine that circumstances requiring an exception to this rule are unavoidable.

(C) Legislative Council attorneys Steven McCarthy and Andrea Brauer will staff the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

(D) All attempts will be made to hold meetings on our regularly scheduled day. The committee's regular meeting day is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday (even W) of each month in room 300 South East of the State Capitol. If changes are necessary, all efforts will be made to accommodate the most members as possible. Offices will be contacted prior to scheduling to notify them of the change of time and venue.

(2) ATTENDANCE:

(A) The roll call for attendance at public hearings and executive sessions will be held open until the adjournment of the hearing. Members arriving late should check with me or the Clerk to ensure their attendance is noted.

(B) If you are unable to attend a public hearing or executive session, even in part, please notify my office as soon as possible. In order to be counted as excused, my office *must* receive notice of your absence prior to the start of a hearing or executive session.

(3) EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

(A) All committee votes must be taken in the presence of the committee, and a member must be present in order to be recorded as voting, except as described below for absent members. Senate rules provide that every present committee member must vote, unless excused for special cause. Members vote in the order in which they were named to the committee.

(B) Under Senate Rule 24, a member who participates in a committee meeting by telephone or by other means of telecommunication or electronic communication is considered present.

(C) If a member is not present when a committee vote is taken, the roll will be held open, if possible for the committee to be able to proceed with its business, until the adjournment of the executive session.

(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) Testimony time limits may be imposed at the Chair's discretion.

(B) Time limits on the length of the public hearing may be imposed at the Chair's discretion.

(C) Written testimony of detail is accepted but should be condensed for the oral presentation at the hearing.

(D) Individuals with a similar position on a matter before the Committee may be asked to testify together if time is limited.

(E) Questions from committee members directed towards person(s) testifying may be limited at my discretion. Members will be notified at the beginning of each hearing if such a limit is placed.

(F) The gallery shall remain respectful throughout the hearing as to give proper respect to those testifying.

(5) AMENDMENTS:

(A) Amendments must be distributed to committee members at least **24 working hours** (not including weekends or holidays) prior to the scheduled start of an executive session to be considered by the Committee.

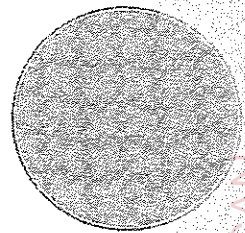
(B) Amendments must be in written form and prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau or Legislative Council Staff to be considered by the Committee.

If you have any questions about the Committee or these policies and procedures please contact me or, the Committee Clerk, Matt Wimmer, at 6-3123 or by email at Matt.Wimmer@legis.wi.gov. I look forward to working with all of you and having an organized and productive committee.

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CHAPTER 4
ADMINISTRATIVE
RULEMAKING

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INTRODUCTION

State agencies promulgate administrative rules pursuant to rulemaking authority conferred by the Legislature. The Legislature retains oversight of the rulemaking process through the review of proposed rules by the Legislative Council's Administrative Rules Clearinghouse, legislative standing committees in each house, and the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR).

Administrative rules are promulgated by state agencies to implement or interpret statutes enforced or administered by the agency.

Statutes governing the rulemaking process are contained in subch. II of ch. 227, Stats. The statutes define an administrative rule as a regulation, standard, policy statement, or order of general application promulgated by a state agency:

- To implement or interpret provisions of statutes that are enforced or administered by the agency; or
- To establish procedures for the agency to follow in administering its programs.

An agency undertakes rulemaking when it seeks to create new rules or to amend or repeal existing rules. Administrative rules have the force and effect of law.

[s. 227.01 (13), Stats.]

AGENCY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

All authority for administrative rulemaking is conferred by statute. An agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of a statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute, but a rule is not valid if it exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation. An agency may not promulgate a rule that conflicts with state law. Likewise, an agency may not find rulemaking authority in a legislative statement of intent, purpose, findings, or policy, or in a statutory provision describing the agency's **general** powers or duties. The agency is limited to rulemaking authority that is explicitly conferred by the Legislature.

[ss. 227.10 and 227.11, Stats.]

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Furthermore:

- An agency may not impose any standard, requirement, or threshold, in a rule or as a license condition, unless the standard, requirement, or threshold is explicitly required or explicitly permitted by statute or by another properly-promulgated rule.
- With respect to a specific standard, requirement, or threshold, an agency may not promulgate a rule that is more restrictive than a statute.

EXECUTIVE ORDER #50

On November 2, 2011, Governor Walker issued Executive Order #50, which sets forth requirements for agency rulemaking in addition to those specified in the statutes, as well as detailed rule promulgation instructions to agencies.

The order also establishes an Office of Regulatory Compliance in the Governor's office as the point of contact for administrative rulemaking. The Office of Regulatory Compliance in the Governor's office may be contacted at 267-3672 or at: SBOAdminRules@webapps.wi.gov.

Executive Order #50 contains rulemaking requirements in addition to those specified in the statutes.

PUBLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

For questions about the rulemaking process or specific Clearinghouse Rules, contact the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse staff:

Scott Grosz, Director (504-5715)

Margit S. Kelley, Assistant Director (504-5717)

Administrative rules are published in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) publishes and edits the Code, as well as the Wisconsin Administrative Register. The Register is published every Monday. All final administrative rules are initially published in the Register

and are then compiled, maintained, and updated in the Administrative Code. Each issue of the Register contains a section with notices and other items that are required to be published during the rulemaking process. The Administrative Code and Administrative Register are published online at: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code>. As of January 2015,

printing and distribution of the Code and Register was discontinued, but the Code and Register continue to be available in a printer-friendly PDF format online.

[ss. 227.20 and 227.21, Stats.]

For questions about the Administrative Code and Register, and rule promulgation and publication, contact the LRB (266-3561).

RULE PROMULGATION PROCESS

Agencies typically promulgate **permanent** rules, which are subject to the rule promulgation and legislative review procedures discussed throughout this chapter. On occasion, however, preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare necessitates placing a rule into effect prior to the time it could take effect as a permanent rule, in which case the agency may initially adopt the rule as an **emergency** rule. Some of the rule promulgation steps discussed in this section pertain only to proposed permanent rules,

while others, where indicated, also apply to emergency rules.

A flowchart describing the rulemaking process is located at the end of this chapter.

Preparation and Approval of Scope Statement

The first step in the rule promulgation process is preparation of a scope statement that sets forth information about the agency's intended rulemaking, including the objective of the proposed rule, the statutory authority for the rule, and a description of all entities that may be affected by the rule. Scope statements must be prepared for both proposed permanent rules and emergency rules. [s. 227.135, Stats.]

Before work may commence on actual rule drafting, the agency must submit the scope statement to the Department of Administration (DOA), which reviews the rule and forwards it to the Governor for approval in writing. If the scope statement is approved by the Governor, it is then submitted to the LRB for publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register. Executive Order #50 provides that an agency must submit an approved scope statement to the LRB for publication within 30 days of the Governor's approval, or the scope statement will be considered to have been withdrawn. Following publication, the scope statement must be approved by the individual or body with policy-making powers for the agency. Additionally, prior to this approval, on its own initiative or as directed by the co-chairs of JCRAR, the agency may hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period on the rule. Once a scope statement is published, an agency has 30 months to submit a proposed rule for legislative review.

The Governor has specific authority to approve or disapprove most agency scope statements and final draft rules.

The requirement that the Governor approve a scope statement does not apply to rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The Wisconsin Supreme Court has held that the duties conferred on the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Wisconsin Constitution, art. X, s. 1, include supervisory power over public instruction that cannot be superseded by other authorities. [*Coyne v. Walker*, 2016 WI 38.]

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Rule Drafting

Once the scope statement is approved, agency staff may then begin drafting the rule. Agencies are directed, to the extent possible, to adhere to the format and drafting style of bills prepared for the Legislature and to draft rules in concise, simple sentences, using plain language that can be easily understood.

[s. 227.14 (1), Stats.]

The Legislative Council staff and the LRB jointly publish an *Administrative Rules Procedures Manual* to provide agencies with information on the drafting and promulgation of rules. The *Manual* provides detailed instructions regarding the format and style to be used by agencies in drafting rules.

The *Rules Manual* is available online at:
<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lc>

[ss. 227.15 (7) and 227.25 (1), Stats.]

Preparation of Economic Impact Analysis

An agency must prepare an economic impact analysis (EIA) for every rule before the rule is submitted to the Legislative Council staff for review. This requirement does **not** apply to emergency rules. The EIA must include information on the economic effect of the proposed rule on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, local governmental units, and the state's economy as a whole and must estimate the total implementation and compliance costs of the rule as a single dollar figure. It must also explain: the policy problem the rule is intended to address; the approach to the problem the rule takes; a comparison to approaches taken by the federal government and by Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota; and any reasons for the agency choosing a different approach. [s. 227.137, Stats.]

In the EIA, an agency must specifically determine whether, over a two-year period, a total of \$10 million or more in implementation and compliance costs are reasonably expected to be incurred or passed along to businesses, local governmental units, and individuals as a result of the proposed rule. Upon such a

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determination, the agency must stop work and may not continue promulgating the proposed rule unless one of two things occur: (1) enactment of a bill specifically authorizing the promulgation of the rule; or (2) adoption of germane modifications to the proposed rule that reduce the economic impact below the \$10 million threshold.

Executive Order #50 requires that, in preparing an EIA, agencies must accept public comments for a specified time period based on the degree of economic impact the rule is likely to have locally or statewide. The comment period is 14 days for a rule with no or

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minimal economic impact, 30 days for a rule with moderate economic impact, and 60 days for a rule with significant economic impact.

The EIA and a fiscal estimate must be submitted to the Legislative Council Administrative Rules Clearinghouse at the same time that a rule is submitted to the Clearinghouse for review. DOA has developed a template for agency use that combines the EIA and fiscal estimate in a single form.

Through action by either the co-chairs of JCRAR or JCRAR as a body, an independent EIA may also be requested, with costs of the estimate paid based on the result of the independent EIA in comparison to the agency's estimate.

Review by Legislative Council Administrative Rules Clearinghouse

Each proposed rule, Clearinghouse Report, and other documents related to the rule are available online at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code>

When the agency has completed its work on an initial draft rule, the rule is submitted to the Legislative Council staff for review. This requirement does not apply to emergency rules. By statute, the Legislative Council staff functions as the Administrative Rules Clearinghouse. Upon receipt of a proposed

administrative rule, the Clearinghouse staff assigns the rule a Clearinghouse Rule number, records the date of submission of the rule in the Bulletin of Proceedings of the Wisconsin Legislature, and prepares two numbered rule jackets (similar to bill jackets), one for the Assembly and one for the Senate. [s. 227.15 (1), Stats.]

The rule is assigned to a Legislative Council attorney or analyst for review and preparation of a Clearinghouse Report containing comments about the rule. The rule is then given a secondary review by the Clearinghouse director or assistant director. The Legislative Council staff reviews the rule for form, style, and technical adequacy. The staff also specifically:

- Reviews the rule to determine whether there is statutory authority for the agency to adopt the rule.
- Reviews the text of the rule for clarity and use of plain language.

The Legislative Council staff review may indicate whether an agency is attempting to regulate matters beyond its legal authority or whether a lack of clarity and precision in the rule language could inappropriately affect persons regulated by the rule.

The period for Legislative Council review is 20 working days following receipt of the proposed rule. A Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Administrative Rules Clearinghouse reviews all proposed permanent rules and prepares a Clearinghouse Report containing comments about the proposed rule.

containing the staff comments is sent to the agency. [s. 227.15 (2), Stats.]

Agency Public Hearing

Generally, following Clearinghouse review, an agency must provide notice and hold a public hearing on a proposed rule. Notice of the hearing may be posted before the agency receives the Clearinghouse Report, but the hearing cannot take place until the agency has the Clearinghouse Report in hand or until the end of the 20-working day Clearinghouse review period, whichever comes first. There are some exceptions to the hearing requirement. For example, a public hearing is not required prior to promulgation of an emergency rule or if the rulemaking is undertaken to bring an existing rule into conformity with a statute or judicial decision. The agency's notice of public hearing must include, among other things, the text of the proposed rule, a plain language analysis of the rule, and the EIA and fiscal estimate.

[ss. 227.16 to 227.18, Stats.]

For rulemaking purposes, "small business" is defined as a business entity that is independently owned and operated, that is not dominant in its field, and that employs 25 or fewer full-time employees or that has gross annual sales of less than \$5 million.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

If a proposed rule will have any effect on small business, the agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis describing the types of small businesses that will be affected by the rule, the proposed reporting, bookkeeping, and other procedures required for compliance with the rule, and a description of the types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rule. The agency's initial regulatory flexibility analysis

must be included in the notice of public hearing. If the rule **may have an economic impact** on small business, the agency must submit the rule to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) on the same day the rule is submitted to the Legislative Council staff for Clearinghouse review. [s. 227.14 (2g), Stats.]

The SBRRB must determine whether the rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses. Unless the SBRRB determines that the rule will **not** have a significant impact on a substantial number of small businesses, the agency must also prepare a final regulatory flexibility analysis for submission to the Clearinghouse on any suggested changes.

The Governor must approve most final draft permanent rules before their submission to the Legislature for committee review, as well as final draft emergency rules.

Submission of Final Draft Rule to Governor

Following the public hearing on a proposed rule, the agency prepares a final draft rule. Before the rule may be submitted to the Legislature, the agency must submit the final draft rule to the Governor for written approval and provide notice to JCRAR of the submission. This approval requirement also applies to emergency rules, but does not apply to any proposed rules of the DPL. [s. 227.185, Stats.]

Committee Review Process

Submittal of Rule to Legislature

Once the Governor has approved a final draft rule, the agency may submit the rule, accompanied by a report, to the Chief Clerk of each house of the Legislature for referral by the presiding officer to a standing committee in each house. The report must contain a number of items, including:

- A plain language analysis of the rule.
- An explanation of the basis and purpose of the proposed rule, including how it advances relevant statutory goals or purposes.
- The fiscal estimate, the EIA, and any DOA report regarding the EIA.
- Any recommendations or other material submitted to the agency by the SBRRB and the agency's response.
- A copy of the Clearinghouse Report and a response to the Clearinghouse recommendations, including the specific reasons for rejecting any recommendation.
- A summary of public comments on the rule, the agency's response to those comments, and an explanation of modifications made to the rule as a result of public comments or testimony.
- A list of persons who appeared or registered for or against the rule at any public hearing held by the agency.
- A final regulatory flexibility analysis, unless the SBRRB determined that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

[s. 227.19 (1) to (3), Stats.]

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Standing Committee Review

When a rule is referred to a standing committee, the committee chair notifies the committee members of the referral and the date on which the committee's jurisdiction ends.

Generally, the standing committee review period extends for 30 days after referral of a proposed rule by the presiding officer. However, a committee review period may be extended for an additional 30 days if the committee chair, within the initial 30-day period, takes either of the following actions:

- Requests in writing that the agency meet with the committee to review the proposed rule.
- Publishes or posts a notice that the committee will hold a meeting or hearing to review the proposed rule and immediately sends a copy of the notice to the agency.

If a committee, by majority vote of a quorum of the committee, requests modifications to a proposed rule and the agency, in writing, agrees to **consider** making modifications, the review period is extended for both standing committees for 10 days from the time the modifications are received from the agency. An agency may also submit germane modifications on its own. Modifications are accepted under passive review.

A committee may object to all or part of a rule **only** for one or more of the following reasons:

- Absence of statutory authority.
- Emergency relating to public health, safety, or welfare.
- Failure to comply with legislative intent.
- Conflict with state law.
- Change in circumstances since enactment of the earliest law on which the proposed rule is based.
- Arbitrariness or capriciousness, or imposition of an undue hardship.
- For a proposed rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services establishing standards for dwelling construction, that the

A standing committee may let its jurisdiction expire without taking any action or may waive its jurisdiction over the rule during the 30-day review period. The committee may request modifications to the rule or may, for specified reasons, object to the rule.

All proposed permanent rules are referred to JCRAR, not just those receiving a standing committee objection. JCRAR is not required to take any action unless a rule received a standing committee objection.

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rule would increase the cost of constructing or remodeling a dwelling by more than \$1,000.

[s. 227.19 (4), Stats.]

JCRAR Review

When a standing committee's jurisdiction over a proposed rule ends, the rule is referred to JCRAR.

As with the initial reviewing committee, the review period for JCRAR is 30 days, but may be extended for an additional 30 days. If a proposed rule received an objection in a standing committee, JCRAR is required to meet and take executive action and may either concur in the objection, object to the proposed rule, or seek modifications to the rule in the same manner as the initial reviewing committee. JCRAR may, but is not required to, take executive action with respect to any proposed rule that passed a standing committee. JCRAR may request modifications to a rule and may object to a proposed rule for the same reasons for which the initial reviewing committee may object.

JCRAR may object to a rule or part of a rule using one of two methods. Under the first method, it must meet and take executive action within 30 days regarding introduction in each house of a bill to support the objection. If either bill becomes law, the agency may not promulgate the rule, or part of the rule, that was objected to, unless a later law specifically authorizes promulgation of the rule.

Rules submitted to the Legislature after the last day of the final general business floorperiod in a biennium generally will not be considered until the next legislative session.

Alternatively, JCRAR may choose to indefinitely object to a proposed rule. Under this method, an agency may not promulgate the rule or part of the rule, unless the Legislature specifically authorizes the promulgation through enactment of new legislation.

[s. 227.19 (5), Stats.]

Late Submission of Rules to Legislature

If the Legislature receives a proposed rule for committee review after the last day of the Legislature's final general business floorperiod in the biennial session, the rule will be considered received on the first day of the next regular session of the Legislature. However, the presiding officers of both houses may direct referral of the rule before that day. In 2018, the last day of the final general business floorperiod was March 22. [s. 227.19 (2), Stats.]

Repeal of Unauthorized Rules

As an alternative to the general rulemaking process described above, an agency may use a petition process to repeal unauthorized rules. Under this process, which applies to rules

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that an agency may not enforce due to repeal or amendment of law, an agency must submit a petition for repeal to JCRAR and the Clearinghouse. Following Clearinghouse review and issuance of a report to JCRAR, the committee may vote to approve the petition, allowing the agency to submit the repeal of the rule to the LRB for publication. [s, 227.26 (4), Stats.]

Emergency Rules

As noted, certain requirements that apply to permanent rules also apply to emergency rules, including the requirement for gubernatorial approval of the scope statement and of the final draft rule.

Once the Governor has approved a final draft emergency rule in writing, the agency may publish the rule in the official state newspaper, at which time the rule takes effect, unless the rule specifies another effective date. The agency

must also file a certified copy of the rule with the LRB in order for the rule to be valid. On the day an agency files an emergency rule with the LRB that may have an economic impact on small business, the agency must also submit the rule to the

SBRRB. Just as for proposed permanent rules, the SBRRB must determine whether the emergency

rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses. If it determines that the rule will have such an impact, the board may submit suggested changes to the agency to minimize the economic impact of the rule.

An agency must hold a public hearing on an emergency rule within 45 days after the adoption of the rule. An emergency rule remains in effect only for 150 days, unless JCRAR grants an extension for up to an additional 60 days. The total period for all extensions granted may not exceed 120 days.

[s. 227.24, Stats.]

Treatment of Rules by Legislative Initiative

During the 2017-18 Legislative Session, several bills were enacted that modified administrative rules through legislation rather than by the traditional agency-initiated process. The statutes recognize the treatment

of rules by legislative initiative and reconcile this treatment with other aspects of the rulemaking process. For example, the statutes specify that rules treated by legislative initiative may be subject to future agency-initiated treatment in the same manner as other administrative rules. [s. 227.265, Stats.]

The Governor must approve final draft emergency rules before they may be published and filed with the LRB.

Challenges to the validity of a rule are brought in the county where the challenging party lives or establishes a principal place of business.

REVIEW OF CURRENT RULES

Wisconsin has a number of mechanisms that provide oversight of existing rules and agency policies. These include court actions, JCRAR review, retrospective EIAs, biennial reporting by agencies, and SBRRB review.

Judicial Review of Validity of Rule

The exclusive means of judicial review of the validity of a rule is an action for declaratory judgment brought in the circuit court for the county where the party asserting the invalidity of the rule resides or establishes a principal place of business. If that party is a nonresident or does not have its principal place of business in Wisconsin, venue is in the circuit court in the county in which the dispute arose.

When a circuit court enters a final order in a declaratory judgment action on the validity of a rule, the court must notify the LRB of the court's determination as to the validity or invalidity of the rule. The LRB must publish a notice of that determination in the Administrative Register and insert an annotation of that determination in the Administrative Code.

[s. 227.40, Stats.]

JCRAR Treatment of Rules in Effect

Suspension of Existing Rules

JCRAR may, by a majority vote of a quorum of the committee, suspend a permanent rule or emergency rule that has been promulgated and is in effect if JCRAR has first received testimony about the rule at a public hearing and the suspension is based on one or more of the reasons a committee may cite when objecting to a proposed rule.

JCRAR may suspend an existing rule for specified reasons.

If JCRAR suspends a rule, it must, within 30 days, introduce a bill in each house to repeal the suspended rule. If both bills are defeated or fail to be enacted in any other manner, the rule remains in effect and JCRAR may not suspend it again. If either bill is enacted, the rule is repealed and may not be promulgated again by the agency unless a subsequent law specifically authorizes such action.

[s. 227.26, Stats.]

Retrospective Economic Impact Analysis

JCRAR may direct an agency to prepare a retrospective EIA for any of an agency's existing rules. Requests for such an analysis may be made with respect to one or more chapters, sections or other subunits of the Administrative Code that are administered by the agency. Following a request, the agency must prepare the retrospective EIA in the same manner it would prepare an EIA on a proposed rule, described above.

Requirement to Promulgate Policy as a Rule

If JCRAR determines that an agency's statement of policy or an interpretation of a statute meets the definition of a rule, it may direct the agency to promulgate the statement or interpretation as an emergency rule within 30 days of JCRAR's action.

JCRAR may require agencies to promulgate their policies or statutory interpretations as emergency rules.

Further, by a majority vote of a quorum of the committee, JCRAR may require any agency promulgating rules to hold a public hearing with respect to general recommendations of JCRAR and to report its actions to JCRAR within a specified time. [s. 227.26 (2) (b) and (3), Stats.]

Agency Review of Rules and Enactments

Agencies must submit biennial reports to JCRAR that identify unauthorized, restricted, obsolete, and duplicative rules, as well as rules that are in conflict with other rules, statutes, federal statutes or regulations, or judicial rulings. In addition to identification of such rules, each agency must describe the actions taken to address the rules identified by the report. Similarly, each agency must review enactments to determine whether an enactment affects the agency's rulemaking authority and must address the consequences of such enactments and notify JCRAR of its actions on affected rules within six months of the effective date of the enactment. [s. 227.29, Stats.]

SBRRB Action on Current Rules and Guidelines

The SBRRB is authorized to review any **current** agency rule or guideline to determine whether it places an unnecessary burden on small businesses. If the board so determines, it must submit a report and recommendations regarding the rule or guideline to JCRAR. JCRAR may refer the report to the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature for referral to a committee, or JCRAR may itself undertake a review of the rule or guideline.

If JCRAR reviews the report, it must consider all of the following:

- The continued need for the rule or guideline.
- The nature of the complaints and comments received from the public regarding the rule or guideline.
- The complexity of the rule or guideline.
- The extent to which the rule or guideline overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal regulations, other state rules, or local ordinances.

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- The length of time since the rule or guideline has been evaluated.
- The degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the subject area affected by the rule or guideline since it was promulgated.

[s. 227.30, Stats.]

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

1. Information Memorandum 16-08, *Glossary of Rule Promulgation Documents*, at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lc>. The Memo provides a glossary of the various documents and reports that must be prepared by an agency in the rulemaking process.
2. The Legislature's administrative rules website: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code>. This site provides a link to the entire Administrative Code and current and past issues of the Administrative Register. It also provides a notification service and has links to emergency rules in effect and final administrative rule orders filed for publication, as well as to proposed rules, Clearinghouse Reports, and agency reports.
3. 2017 Annual Report of the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, May 2018: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lc>. This statutorily required Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature explains the rule review functions and related responsibilities of the Rules Clearinghouse, and activities of the Clearinghouse in 2017. It also includes a sample Clearinghouse Report and rule processing instructions for agency heads.
4. Executive Order #50, relating to guidelines for the promulgation of administrative rules, Governor Scott Walker, November 2011: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/executive_orders/2011_scott_walker/2011-50.pdf.

GLOSSARY

Economic Impact Analysis (EIA): An analysis prepared by an agency during the rulemaking process that describes the policy addressed by the rule and the economic effect of the rule on business, local government, and the state economy as a whole.

JCRAR: The Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules is a joint legislative committee that plays a key role in reviewing administrative rules, including emergency rules. Among other functions, JCRAR may grant extensions for emergency rules and suspend current emergency or permanent rules in specified circumstances.

Legislative Council Administrative Rules Clearinghouse: The Clearinghouse is housed at the Legislative Council and reviews all proposed permanent rules for statutory authority, clarity, and use of plain language, form, and style.

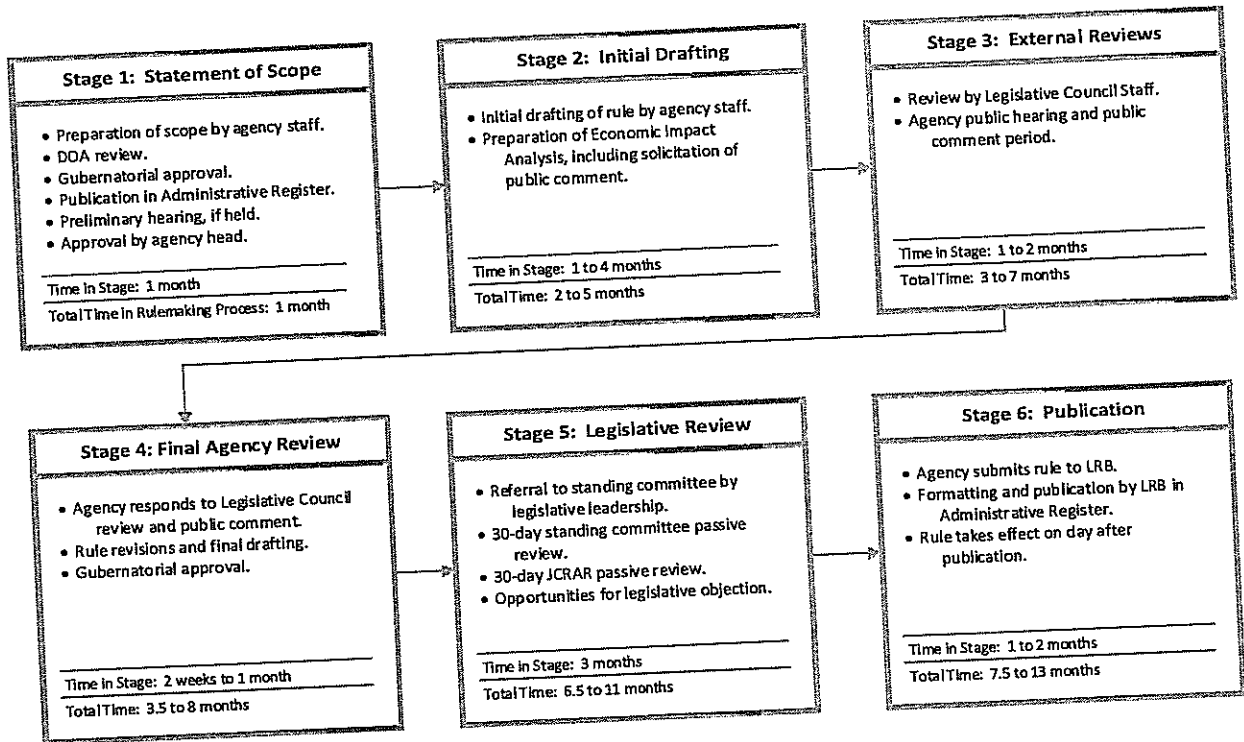
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SBRRB: The Small Business Regulatory Review Board is comprised of seven representatives of small business, and a Senator and a Representative involved with legislative committees relating to small business. Agencies must refer rules that may have an economic impact on small business to the SBRRB for review. The board also has authority to review **current** agency rules to determine whether they place an unnecessary burden on small businesses.

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Overview of Administrative Rulemaking Process



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From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: Health Documents
Attachments: Committee Policies and Procedures.docx; Administrative Rulemaking.pdf; AttendanceSheet.docx; VoteSheet.docx

Attached are the Health Committee Policies in case it ever comes up. I always keep a copy on hand for meetings.

Also, I have the attendance sheets, vote sheets, and a guideline on administrative rules attached. These are all located S:\Health Committee

Lastly, I saved some emails that might be useful in this folder: S:\Health Committee\Emails

Matt Wimmer
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
608-266-3123

Vote Record

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting: Zoom (join Zoom meeting)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://chrr.zoom.us/j/851550342>

Meeting ID: 851 550 342

Or dial in: +1 312 626 6799

AGENDA

A. Welcome and Introductions Presenter: Sheri Johnson, Ph.D.	11:00 AM-11:15
B. Banks and Non-Profit Hospitals: Partners in Community Development? Presenter: Steven Kuehl, Senior Advisor, Community and Economic Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	11:15 AM-12:30
C. County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 10 year anniversary – Looking back, Looking forward Presenters: Marjory Givens, Ph.D., Kate Kingery, MPA, Lawrence Brown, Ph.D.	12:30 PM -1:30
D. Advisory Board Members' Forum All members invited to share updates and announcements	1:30 PM – 2:00

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From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: CVS Health
Attachments: CVS Health to Provide Bonuses Add Benefits and Hire 50000 in Response to....pdf

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To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kolodziejczyk, Dominik <Dominik.Kolodziejczyk@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hoisington, Joshua <Joshua.Hoisington@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CVS Health

Hey guys-

Wanted to share the attached press release from CVS on measures they're taking in response to COVID-19. In short, they're:

- providing bonuses to essential employees required to show-up to essential facilities;
- immediately hiring 50,000 new employees, specifically recruiting from CVS partners that are being forced to implement layoffs;
- providing up to 25 days of child- or elder-care needs for affected employees; and
- extending paid sick-leave coverage to part-time employees in addition to the existing 14 day paid sick leave for any employee testing positive for COVID-19.

Let me know if you have any questions and feel free to distribute to any of your colleagues.

Thanks,

Ryan



Monday, March 23, 2020

CVS Health to Provide Bonuses, Add Benefits and Hire 50,000 in Response to Pandemic

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — In recognition of the essential role CVS Health (NYSE: CVS) employees are playing as the country faces the COVID-19 pandemic, the company is awarding bonuses to employees who are required to be at CVS facilities to assist patients and customers in this time of unprecedented need. Bonuses will range from \$150 to \$500 and will be awarded to pharmacists and certain other health care professionals on the frontlines, store associates and managers, and other site-based hourly employees.

"Our colleagues have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to providing essential goods and services at a time when they're needed most," said Larry J. Merlo, President and CEO, CVS Health. "As they continue to be there for the individuals and families we serve, we're taking extra steps to provide some peace of mind and help them navigate these uncertain times."

CVS Health is also embarking on the most ambitious hiring drive in the company's history, with plans to immediately fill 50,000 full-time, part-time and temporary roles across the country. Roles include store associates, home delivery drivers, distribution center employees and member/customer service professionals. The company will utilize a technology-enabled hiring process that includes virtual job fairs, virtual interviews and virtual job tryouts. Many roles will be filled by existing CVS Health clients who have had to furlough workers, including Hilton and Marriott.

An influx of talent will help manage capacity for existing employees, who will also benefit from the following changes:

- CVS Health will launch a new offering to help employees with both child and elder or adult dependent care needs. Working with the Bright Horizons network of national in-home and center-based daycare providers, employees will be able to take advantage of up to 25 fully covered days of backup care. This benefit will begin in early April for both full- and part-time employees.
- Full-time CVS Health employees have always had access to paid sick leave. Effective March 22, CVS Health has made 24 hours of paid sick leave available to part-time employees for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. This paid sick leave is in addition to the 14-day paid leave the company is providing for any employee who tests positive for COVID-19 or needs to be quarantined as a result of potential exposure.

Employee safety has been a focus for CVS Health from the start, and the company has been prioritizing distribution of protective gear to the hardest-hit areas.

"The health and wellbeing of our colleagues has always come first. We've been working around the clock to increase availability of supplies and update protocols to ensure our stores are safe for colleagues and customers alike," Merlo stated.

In addition to the measures announced today, CVS Health employees have several resources available to help address financial hardships in times of crisis. This includes access to the Employee Relief Fund, which provides short-term, immediate financial relief in the form of tax-exempt grants.

More information on steps CVS Health has already taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic — including waiving charges for home delivery of prescription medications and making diagnostic testing and Aetna-covered telemedicine visits available with no co-pay — is available at the company's frequently updated COVID-19 resource center.

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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:44 PM
To: The Youth Guy
Cc: Schultz, Jeff
Subject: RE: Team Cushman

Hi Kevin,

Thanks for reaching out, hope you're doing well. I have copied Jeff in our office on this email. He will be the best contact to work with moving forward, as this is my final week working in Sen. Testin's office.

In regards to virtually attending the meeting on April 17th, I think it's possible that someone, whether Sen. Testin or staff, could be present. I would suggest working with Jeff to coordinate as we get closer to the April 17th meeting. He will have a better idea on what Sen. Testin's calendar looks like.

Take care and best regards,

Matt

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From: The Youth Guy <theeyouthguy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: Team Cushman

Hey Matt,

Got this information about the meeting on the April 17th.

Would Senator Testin (or someone from the office) be available since the state shut down?

Kevin

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To: theeyouthguy@yahoo.com <theeyouthguy@yahoo.com>
Cc: 'Gregory M. Rice, MD' (gmrice@pediatrics.wisc.edu) <gmrice@pediatrics.wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 03:58:52 PM CDT
Subject: RE: Team Cushman

We will be changing all of our upcoming Newborn Screening in person meetings to virtual meetings. We are currently looking into how best to do this. It looks like we may be using Zoom and I will be providing the link and information for logging into the meeting once we have this set. I will also be sending this information out for the open meeting notice posting.

Written letters of support can be sent to this email address: DHSWICongenitalDisorders@wisconsin.gov

Please let us know if more time is needed for the submission of the nomination form. Also, can you please let me know when you submit the nomination? I will then be sure to forward it on to the Metabolic Subcommittee.

Thanks much & take care,

Tami Horzewski, MS, CHES

WI Newborn Screening Program Coordinator - Senior Outreach Specialist

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All of the Health Committee stuff is located here: S:\Health Committee

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Good Morning Everyone,

I am putting together a list of things that I have worked on that are still going through the process or will be legislative ideas for next session. I can save documents, etc. on the s drive, which might be easier than emailing everything.

Elder Task Force Bills

AB 479, expediting criminal proceedings AB 480, increased crimes and penalties for exploitation of an elder AB 481, financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult (banking/credit union bill) AB 482, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults with securities accounts, violations of the Wisconsin Uniform Securities Law

****All four bills have passed the Assembly Floor on voice votes and are through the committee process in the Senate. They just need to be scheduled for a floor vote.**

****I have put bill briefs together for all four bills if they are scheduled for a Senate floor vote. I need to double check but I think they are all saved in the s drive under "Bill Briefs" in the Legislation folder.**

****Mike Austin is a good point person on this legislation; if they ultimately get signed into law, I would invite Mike to the bill signing.**

Workforce Housing Tax Credit

AB 544, workforce housing tax credits and economic development revolving loan funds.

****This bill passed the Assembly Floor and is through the committee process in the Senate. It just needs to be scheduled for a floor vote.**

**I will be working on a bill brief for this legislation today and will save it in the s drive under "Bill Briefs" in the Legislation folder.

**Waylon from Rep. Nygren's office is a good resource on this bill.

Kevin Cushman - Adding Krabbe Disease to Newborn Screening Panel **As the current nominator, Kevin and Judy were provided by our office with the new nomination form and were given the opportunity to review it, add any new information and submit the new nomination to DHSWICongenitalDisorders@wisconsin.gov as stated on the nomination form. I informed them that they have to submit the new nomination by Friday, March 27th. This will allow time for the nomination and reference articles to be reviewed by the Metabolic Subcommittee prior to their scheduled meeting on Friday, April 17th.

From Lisa Olsen on Monday, March 2nd (the nomination has to go through 3 meetings):

"As I mentioned on the phone, our team is preparing the nomination form with the materials the Cushman's provided. We will get the nomination form to the family by EOD Monday, March 9th via email with a request for changes from the family by March 27. This is the form that will be sent to the metabolic subcommittee for their review.

The Metabolic Subcommittee is April 17, 2020 1-3 PM ; Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene - 2601 Agriculture Drive or call (877)-820-7831, code: 507780. The Cushman family can attend. We would put the family on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting after introductions to speak and as part of the open meeting process. I would anticipate 10 minutes allocated to them. If there are other experts they would like to participate, please let me know.

The Umbrella Committee is May 1 is currently scheduled 10-2. WI State Lab of Hygiene - 2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison. The agenda is not yet finalized but we anticipate taking up Krabbe review following Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of December meeting minutes. The Cushman's are welcome to attend and would also be given 10 minutes to speak.

I wanted to add that the next Secretary's Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening meeting for review of Krabbe Disease Nomination is scheduled for Friday, May 15 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Location is TBD at this point but we'll keep your office posted."

Possible Legislation - Next Session

Kratom

- We are working with Greg Hubbard on this; there has not been much progress lately; DOJ is in the process of reviewing studies and documents.
- We have two separate drafts currently; one would allow possession in the state, but you could not sell or manufacture in the state; the other draft is modeled off Utah and would regulate Kratom, outlining the ways you can manufacture, sell, etc.
- I have some documents I can save in the s drive this week.

Insurance Model Act

- I have been working with Scott Stenger on getting P drafts for this legislation; a P2 is currently being worked on. We are working on a draft for TravelGuard in the district.
- The legislation is focused on Travel Insurance and updating state statutes to be similar to model legislation that has been recommended.
- I have been working with Erika Lunder at LRB to draft it.
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Athletic Training Bill

- We worked with Scott Stenger and Matt Phillips on this one; there is no formal legislation right now; just P drafts
- This has been an ongoing discussion all session; insurance groups strongly oppose it right now

- Stenger and Phillips clients are working on gathering data to help their argument, but that likely won't be ready for a while.
- This one might be a tough sell next session
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Committees/Commissions/Councils

Health

Natalie - let me know if you have specific questions.

Economic Development

Building Commission

The Commission usually meets once every month or once every other month They will deliver two packets with the agenda to the office (one for Pat and one for Staff) Always will have two meetings each time they convene (Administrative Affairs Subcommittee and full commission meeting)

Military Children

They have a conference call usually once every four to five months Only in-person event for Pat is the Purple Up Celebrate in Tomah each April

UW Health Institute Advisory Board

Pat agreed to be on the board last September They meet three to four times a year, but Pat has not been able to attend yet. All dates for this year are already on the calendar.

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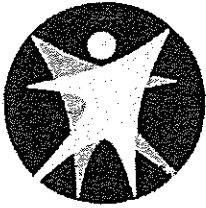
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Sincerely,



Andrea Palm
Secretary-designee

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Sen.Kooyenga; Sen.Jacque; Sen.Carpenter; Sen.Erpenbach
Cc: Aicher, Natalie; Loneragan, Sandy; Vander Wiele, Rachel; Sievert, Hannah; Hafenbreadl, Evan; Rettinger, Nik; Akbik, Hannah; Becker, Kelly; Gaston, Geoff; Knutson, Tryg; DeLong, Russell; Swassing, Will; Williams, Ritch; McCarthy, Steven; Brauer, Andrea; Testin, Patrick; Emerson, James; Schultz, Jeff
Subject: FW: Mandate 20-03 mpact of CIP 1A on State Employees
Attachments: 20-03 Impact of CIP 1A - Clerks.pdf

Members,

Please see the attached report.

Matt Wimmer
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
608-266-3123

From: Gillitzer, Erin <Erin.Gillitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Mandate 20-03 mpact of CIP 1A on State Employees

Hey Matt,

Attached is a report from the DHS, which is being referred to the committee on Health and Human Services, pursuant to 46.275 (5m) and 13.172 (3), Wis. Stats. Please forward this onto your committee members, and no further action is required. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Erin Gillitzer
Records and Journal Clerk
Wisconsin State Senate
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State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Andrea Palm, Secretary

March 13, 2020

Jeff Renk
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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:06 PM
To: McCarthy, Steven
Cc: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: Senate Health Committee

Hi Steve,

Hope you're doing well. I have cc'd Natalie in our office on this email as an introduction. Natalie is going to be taking over as the Committee Clerk for the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services starting on Friday. If she has any technical questions or anything process related, I told her that you are a great resource.

Unless something changes, I don't anticipate any more health meetings this session. There are currently eight Clearinghouse Rules in the committee that expire in early April. To date, I have not heard of concerns from stakeholders regarding those.

I really appreciate all of your help over the past year! It was a fun committee to work on with the variety of policy that was referred.

Take care and thanks again,
Matt

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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie; Emerson, James; Schultz, Jeff
Subject: Information

Good Morning Everyone,

I am putting together a list of things that I have worked on that are still going through the process or will be legislative ideas for next session. I can save documents, etc. on the s drive, which might be easier than emailing everything.

Elder Task Force Bills

AB 479, expediting criminal proceedings AB 480, increased crimes and penalties for exploitation of an elder AB 481, financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult (banking/credit union bill) AB 482, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults with securities accounts, violations of the Wisconsin Uniform Securities Law

****All four bills have passed the Assembly Floor on voice votes and are through the committee process in the Senate. They just need to be scheduled for a floor vote.**

****I have put bill briefs together for all four bills if they are scheduled for a Senate floor vote. I need to double check but I think they are all saved in the s drive under "Bill Briefs" in the Legislation folder.**

****Mike Austin is a good point person on this legislation; if they ultimately get signed into law, I would invite Mike to the bill signing.**

Workforce Housing Tax Credit

AB 544, workforce housing tax credits and economic development revolving loan funds.

****This bill passed the Assembly Floor and is through the committee process in the Senate. It just needs to be scheduled for a floor vote.**

****I will be working on a bill brief for this legislation today and will save it in the s drive under "Bill Briefs" in the Legislation folder.**

****Waylon from Rep. Nygren's office is a good resource on this bill.**

Kevin Cushman - Adding Krabbe Disease to Newborn Screening Panel ****As the current nominator, Kevin and Judy were provided by our office with the new nomination form and were given the opportunity to review it, add any new information and submit the new nomination to DHSWICongenitalDisorders@wisconsin.gov as stated on the nomination form. I informed them that they have to submit the new nomination by Friday, March 27th. This will allow time for the nomination and reference articles to be reviewed by the Metabolic Subcommittee prior to their scheduled meeting on Friday, April 17th.**

From Lisa Olsen on Monday, March 2nd (the nomination has to go through 3 meetings):
"As I mentioned on the phone, our team is preparing the nomination form with the materials the Cushman's provided. We will get the nomination form to the family by EOD Monday, March 9th via email with a request for changes from the family by March 27. This is the form that will be sent to the metabolic subcommittee for their review."

The Metabolic Subcommittee is April 17, 2020 1-3 PM ; Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene - 2601 Agriculture Drive or call (877)-820-7831, code: 507780. The Cushman family can attend. We would put the family on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting after introductions to speak and as part of the open meeting process. I would anticipate 10 minutes allocated to them. If there are other experts they would like to participate, please let me know.

The Umbrella Committee is May 1 is currently scheduled 10-2. WI State Lab of Hygiene - 2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison. The agenda is not yet finalized but we anticipate taking up Krabbe review following Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of December meeting minutes. The Cushman's are welcome to attend and would also be given 10 minutes to speak.

I wanted to add that the next Secretary's Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening meeting for review of Krabbe Disease Nomination is scheduled for Friday, May 15 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Location is TBD at this point but we'll keep your office posted."

Possible Legislation - Next Session

Kratom

- We are working with Greg Hubbard on this; there has not been much progress lately; DOJ is in the process of reviewing studies and documents.
- We have two separate drafts currently; one would allow possession in the state, but you could not sell or manufacture in the state; the other draft is modeled off Utah and would regulate Kratom, outlining the ways you can manufacture, sell, etc.
- I have some documents I can save in the s drive this week.

Insurance Model Act

- I have been working with Scott Stenger on getting P drafts for this legislation; a P2 is currently being worked on. We are working on a draft for TravelGuard in the district.
- The legislation is focused on Travel Insurance and updating state statutes to be similar to model legislation that has been recommended.
- I have been working with Erika Lunder at LRB to draft it.
- I have some documents and emails that I can save in the s drive

Athletic Training Bill

- We worked with Scott Stenger and Matt Phillips on this one; there is no formal legislation right now; just P drafts
- This has been an ongoing discussion all session; insurance groups strongly oppose it right now
- Stenger and Phillips clients are working on gathering data to help their argument, but that likely won't be ready for a while.
- This one might be a tough sell next session
- I have documents and emails I will save in the s drive

Committees/Commissions/Councils

Health

Natalie - let me know if you have specific questions.

Economic Development

Building Commission

The Commission usually meets once every month or once every other month They will deliver two packets with the agenda to the office (one for Pat and one for Staff) Always will have two meetings each time they convene (Administrative Affairs Subcommittee and full commission meeting)

Military Children

They have a conference call usually once every four to five months Only in-person event for Pat is the Purple Up Celebrate in Tomah each April

UW Health Institute Advisory Board

Pat agreed to be on the board last September They meet three to four times a year, but Pat has not been able to attend yet. All dates for this year are already on the calendar.

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Grothman, Jeff G - OCI
Subject: Re: Constituent Outreach

Thank you, Jeff!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2020, at 12:20 PM, Grothman, Jeff G - OCI <Jeff.Grothman@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Matt,
Hope you're having a good day. Just heard from DHS, their Medicaid Division will be looking into Mr. Hoffman's concern. Have a great rest of the day.

Jeffrey Grothman
Administrative Policy Advisor for
Legislative Relations & Communications
WI Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
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Jeff.grothman@wisconsin.gov

From: Wimmer, Matt - LEGIS <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Grothman, Jeff G - OCI <Jeff.Grothman@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Outreach

Thank you, Jeff. I appreciate the follow up.

Matt

From: Grothman, Jeff G - OCI
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt
Subject: RE: Constituent Outreach

Hi Matt,
Hope you're having a good day. I sent Mr. Hoffman's information down to our Consumer Affairs Division this morning. I was informed that since Mr. Hoffman is on Badgercare, this case would be exclusively handled by DHS. I did forward this email to Andrew Hoyer-Booth over at DHS, but I'd follow up with him since DHS is pretty swamped at this time. Hope this information helps. I hope you have a great rest of the day.

Sincerely,

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From: Wimmer, Matt - LEGIS <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:47 AM

To: Grothman, Jeff G - OCI <Jeff.Grothman@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Constituent Outreach

Hi Jeff,

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He mentioned his HMO is United Healthcare
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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: Fwd: Legislative Ideas

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Vander Meer <john@whcawical.org>
Date: March 19, 2020 at 4:48:19 PM CDT
To: "Wimmer, Matt" <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Aicher, Natalie" <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Jim Stoa <jstoa@whcawical.org>, Allison Cramer <allison@whcawical.org>
Subject: Legislative Ideas

Matt,

Thank you for your email, and Sen. Testin's concerns for the provider community.

We have been working closely with and been appreciative the efforts of Gov. Evers, and all his administration's efforts in the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than anything in this difficult time, please know the long-term care provider community in Wisconsin is ready to collaborate with state and federal government officials to find solutions during this health crisis in any ways that we can. The long-term care provider community is doing everything possible to rise above this pandemic crisis, and we recognize that we are all in this together. Every effort is being made to work with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to get whatever available Personal Protective Equipment (PPE – masks, gowns, gloves) to facilities across the state. WHCA/WiCAL has been working with a group of providers, suppliers and state officials to see what supplies can be flown into Wisconsin to provide PPE to our state's long-term care workforce, who are caring for the frail elderly population that is most susceptible to COVID-19.

Here are the most immediate concerns of the LTC providers who I have spoken with, and all of these issues have been communicated to the Governor and Secretary-Designee Palm. I provide this information to brief Sen. Testin, not so much as a request to make our concerns known to DHS officials and the Governor – I believe that they are responding to the situation in the best way that they can:

1. **PPE:** Supplies are running thin. I spoke with several operators last night about the significantly dwindling supplies. Many facilities are down to their last boxes of gloves, masks and gowns. Some facilities are worried their current supplies will not last through the weekend. Facilities' Directors of Nursing are recommending if PPE is depleted to use trash bags in place of gowns, to wash gloves, and to do whatever they can within reason to conserve their supply of masks per the conservation recommendations that have been provided. As I explained above, I have been working with some providers who are

- trying to get a supplier to fly in some supplies, but many facilities will run out before the end of the week. I realize that this is a problem around the country. If there is anything that I can do to help facilitate connections with suppliers or be a part of the solution on this matter – please let me know. This is the greatest challenge our providers face.
2. **Workforce:** Skilled nursing providers in Wisconsin and across the country need immediate flexibilities on regulations related to staffing. We have been able to get through this week so far, but as this crisis deepens, providers are going to start experiencing staffing concerns on all levels. The 1135 waiver request that my colleague John Sauer and I submitted to CMS yesterday is a concern of providers across the country, and we believe should be implemented in a blanket waiver fashion so that not every facility in the country has to individually apply for waivers. We would hope that providers will be allowed to focus on the care and infection control efforts they need to address on the frontlines, without needing to fill out a lot of paperwork and then wait for CMS to approve the waiver (especially since CMS would be flooded with waiver requests for every individual facility). We have asked that Gov. Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm do whatever possible to communicate these concerns to CMS. On the state level, whatever efforts can be made to preserve the availability of child care options for long-term care workers, and also to encourage people affected by the economic downturn caused by COVID-19 to work in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across the state, would be a huge help and would be much appreciated. Please encourage anyone who has been laid off to look for a job in their local nursing home or assisted living facility.

As we have communicated to the Governor, his staff, and state agencies that we are working closely with, on behalf of WHCA/WiCAL and our members, please know that we want to do whatever we can to be a part of the solution, and stand ready to work with state and federal officials toward addressing our shared priorities.

Best Regards,
John

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President & CEO
Wisconsin Health Care Association
Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living

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From: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:20 PM
To: John Vander Meer <john@whcawical.org>
Cc: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Legislative Ideas

Hi John,

Sen. Testin asked us to reach out regarding COVID-19. He wanted to get your take on what could be helpful in assisting your industry during this time. In particular, are there certain things that can be done that would be especially helpful for front line workers at your facilities? Any thoughts that you have would be helpful. Sen. Testin wants to be proactive and have some ideas when discussions occur among his colleagues.

Thanks,

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From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Ryan Murray
Subject: RE: CVS Health

Thanks, Ryan. Appreciate the information.

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From: Ryan Murray <rmurray@thefirmllc.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kolodziejczyk, Dominik <Dominik.Kolodziejczyk@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Hoisington, Joshua <Joshua.Hoisington@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CVS Health

Hey guys-

Wanted to share the attached press release from CVS on measures they're taking in response to COVID-19. In short, they're:

- providing bonuses to essential employees required to show-up to essential facilities;
- immediately hiring 50,000 new employees, specifically recruiting from CVS partners that are being forced to implement layoffs;
- providing up to 25 days of child- or elder-care needs for affected employees; and
- extending paid sick-leave coverage to part-time employees in addition to the existing 14 day paid sick leave for any employee testing positive for COVID-19.

Let me know if you have any questions and feel free to distribute to any of your colleagues.

Thanks,

Ryan

Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2020 for calendar year 2019

Official Name: Higgins, Billie Jo

Agency or Office: Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority

Position Title: Member-Public Member

- If you were appointed or nominated to a new position or a new term of office since 12/31 of the previous year, this section should be current as of your start date.
- If you are a continuing official, this section should be current as of 12/31 of the previous year.
- If you are a candidate, this section should be current as of 12/31 of the year before your election. (Forms may not be filed before 12/1 of the year before your election.)

The information sought in this form is required by Wis. Stat. §§ 19.43 and 19.44, or Supreme Court Rule 60.05. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 15.04(1)(m), the Wisconsin Ethics Commission states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

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- "Income" means gross income before deductions and depreciation, from whatever source derived, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, but excludes dividends and interest.
- A "lobbyist" is an individual who attempts to influence legislation or administrative rules in Wisconsin by communicating with an elected state official, agency official, or legislative employee on another's behalf for pay. For a list of current lobbyists, go to: <https://lobbying.wi.gov/Who/Lobbyists/2017REG/SearchNames>.

If you need further assistance, please contact Ethics Commission Staff at 608-266-8123 or ethics@wi.gov.

Information current as of 1/15/2020

1A: WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

a) Funds Available in Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program. These funds are available to participants in the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation program and many of them are also available for direct purchase, independent of that program. If you held an investment of \$5,000 or more in any of these funds – either directly or through the program-- please check the appropriate box. Please report other investments under the next question.

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

PROFILE SERIES

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Vanguard Retirement 2055	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2045	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2035	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2025	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2015	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Target Retirement Income	☐	☐	☐

INTERNATIONAL

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
American Euro Pacific Growth	☐	☐	☐
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index	☐	☐	☐

SMALL CAP

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Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index	☒	☐	☐
DFA US Micro Cap Portfolio	☒	☐	☐

MID CAP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index	☒	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth	☒	☐	☐

LARGE CAP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Calvert Social Investment Equity	☒	☐	☐
Fidelity Contrafund	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Institutional Index Plus	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Wellington - Admiral Shares	☒	☐	☐

BOND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock US Debt Index	☒	☐	☐
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yrs	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Long-term Investment Grade Adm Shares	☒	☐	☐

MONEY MARKET

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market	☒	☐	☐

FIXED RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Stable Value	☒	☐	☐
FDIC Bank Option	☒	☐	☐

1B: OTHER INVESTMENTS

b) Other Investments. List mutual and money market funds, stocks, bonds, limited partnerships, and Wisconsin governmental securities in which you and your family's interest was valued at \$5,000 or more. Please list securities by name (e.g., Fidelity S&P Index 500 Fund, or ABC Corporation). Do not just list the type of account or the institution through which the investments are held (e.g., IRA, Merrill Lynch account, etc.).

Include: stocks and stock options, commodity futures contracts, bonds, limited partnerships, securities issued by the State of Wisconsin or by local government entities within Wisconsin, mutual funds, and money market funds (include any of the aforementioned investments held directly, or through a deferred compensation plan, profit-sharing plan, or pension plan whose investments you or your family directs; in an individual retirement account (IRA); in a trust you or a family member created or of which you or a family member have beneficial use; or held for you by a corporation, partnership, or other entity which you or a family member controls).

DO NOT include: the Wisconsin retirement system, savings accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, annuities, insurance contracts, securities issued by the federal government or a government outside Wisconsin, securities issued by an organization that does not do any business in Wisconsin, investments held by you or your family whose total interest is valued less than \$5,000.

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WISCONSIN GOVERNMENTAL SECURITY

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
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STOCK

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Alphabet Inc Class A	☐	☐	☐
Amazon Com Inc	☐	☐	☐
Microsoft Corp	☐	☐	☐
Microsoft Corp	☐	☐	☐

MUTUAL FUND OR MONEY MARKET FUND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
American AMCAP CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Balance C	☐	☐	☐
American Balance CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Balanced CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Bond Fund of America	☐	☐	☐
American Intermediat Bond	☐	☐	☐
Franklin Dynatech CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Hartford Midcap CL F	☐	☐	☐
Invesco Oppenheimer Developing	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Core Bond CI R6	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Equity Income CI R6	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Small Cap Growth CI	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Value Advantage CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Lord Abbet Short Duration	☐	☐	☐
MFS International	☐	☐	☐
MFS International	☐	☐	☐
Pgim Total Return Bond CI R6	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Dividend Growth	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Large Cap Growth	☐	☐	☐

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
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BOND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Amercan Fund Europacific R6	☐	☐	☐
American Funds Growth Fnd R6	☐	☐	☐
American Washing Mutual	☐	☐	☐
Goldman Sach Growth Opp CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Goldman Sachs SM Cap Value R6	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Mid-Cap Value I	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard 500 Index FD Adm SHS	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Lifestrtgy Growth	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard SM-Cap Index Fd Adm	☐	☐	☐

2: BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or
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your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

a) Enterprises operating under a business or trade name:

List the name of each business; farm; and rental, commercial and income-producing real estate that operated under a business name.

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#	Name of Business	Nature of Business	City	County	State
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List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

b) Enterprises not operating under a business or trade name: If no business or trade name, list the address or fire number where the enterprise is located.

- If you or a family member owned rental or other income-producing real estate, but did not operate under a business name, list the street address or fire number, municipality or town, county, and state of the real estate, and describe the nature of the business.
- If you or a family member was self-employed, but did not operate under a business name, list the street address or fire number, municipality or town, county, and state of the real estate, and describe the nature of the business.

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#	Name of Business	Nature of Business	City	County	State
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3: BUSINESS PARTNERS

Business Partners. For each enterprise reported under question 2, list its co-owners, partners, officers, and directors (other than yourself), unless the information is already registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

If you need to edit the name of the business, make changes in question 2.

List separately for each business the names and locations:

- for a general partnership, its partners
- for a corporation not registered to do business in Wisconsin, its officers and directors
- for a limited partnership not registered to do business in Wisconsin, its general partners

Do not list:

- information for a limited partnership created or registered in Wisconsin
- information for a corporation created or registered in Wisconsin

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Name of Business	Partners, or Officers and Directors	City	State
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4: COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND TENANTS

Commercial Customers, Clients, and Tenants. For each unincorporated business, subchapter S corporation, service corporation (SC), limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or income-producing real estate reported in question 2 from which the filer or a member of the filer's immediate family received \$10,000 or more in the previous calendar year, list businesses, organizations, and lobbyists that paid the enterprise \$10,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

Please also indicate if an organization listed authorized you to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative.

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List: both a third-party payer as well as the customer, client, or tenant if the business received income from a third-party payer (such as a fee, commission, or insurance payment received by a realtor, travel agent, or medical practice)
Do not list: an individual (unless the individual was a lobbyist or acting on behalf of a business or organization), or a decedent's estate
Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Name of Customers	City	State	Spokesperson
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5: NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Non-Commercial Real Estate. List the specific location of Wisconsin real estate in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate already listed in question 2).

List: real estate you or your family owned directly or through a partnership, corporation, trust or other enterprise.

Do not list: you principal residence unless it was used to conduct business or for rental purposes, or real estate for which you provided the location under question 2.

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Location of Property	Municipality or town	County	State	Nature of interest
1	N4535 Deer Ave	Deerfield	Waushara	Wisconsin	own

6: OFFICER OR DIRECTOR

Officers and Directors. List organizations of which you or a family member was an officer or director (unless already listed in question 2).

List: each business, labor union, association, cooperative, or other organization of which you or a family member was an officer or director.

Do not list: charitable organizations (entities to which a contribution is tax deductible), political organizations (entities whose primary purpose is to influence voting), non-profit social or community service organizations, trusts, or federal/state/local governments or governmental agencies.

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#	Business or Organization	City	State	Position
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7: AGENT, & REP. SPOKESPERSON

Agent, Representative or Spokesperson. List each organization that authorized you or a family member to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agency, spokesperson, or representative (unless already listed in question 2, 3, or 6).

List: each business, labor union, association, cooperative, partnership, or other organization for which you or a family member was an authorized representative or legal agent; in the case of a lawyer, business clients for which you or a family member was authorized to provide representation in dealing with other parties or before a tribunal.

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Do not list: employers listed in Item 9, businesses you listed in Item 2 as having a 10 percent or greater interest, individuals, charitable organizations (entities to which a contribution is tax deductible), political organizations (entities whose primary purpose is to influence voting), non-profit social or community service organizations, trusts, federal/state/local governments or governmental agencies, and organizations for which your efforts or those of a family member did not include representation to third parties (in the case of a lawyer).

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Business or Organization	City	State
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8: CREDITOR

Creditors. List creditors to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more.

Include: each creditor (for personal and business debts) if you or a family member was personally liable for the debt, and your portion of any partnership debts.

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Creditor	City	State	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
1	Honda Financial Services	Elgin	IL	☒	☐
2	Landmark Credit Union	Milwaukee	WI	☒	☐
3	Wells Fargo	Appleton	WI	☐	☒

Information covers entire calendar year of 2019

9: EMPLOYERS

Employers. List your and your family's employers, or other sources of income (\$1,000 or more of income) in the previous calendar year.

List: each employer from which you or a family member received income of \$1,000 or more during the year; the office or department (if a State of Wisconsin employee).

Do not list: an individual (unless the individual was a lobbyist or action on behalf of an organization).

Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Name of Business	City	State	Nature of Business
1	Goodwill Industries NOW	Menasha	WI	non profit social service
2	Imperial Supplies	Green Bay	WI	Sales

10: ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME

List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

List: Social Security payments; an entity from which you or your family received retirement benefits; an entity from which you or your family received directors fees; in the case of a fee or commission, list the third party payer as well.

as your customer, client, or tenant; an entity that purchased real estate from you or your family; an entity that furnished you or your family honoraria not reported in question 12; any source of income not listed in question 2 or 9

Do not list: the source of dividends or interest; the source of insurance benefits, inheritances, scholarships (if no teaching or services were required in return); the purchaser of securities unless you know the purchaser's identity; an individual (unless the individual was a lobbyist or acting on behalf of a business or organization).

Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Source of Income	City	State
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11: ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS

List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50 in the aggregate) in the previous calendar year.

Do not list: gifts received by family members if they were not intended for you; gifts from your spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, fiancé(e), parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law.

Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Name of Provider	City	State
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12: HONORARIUM EXPENSES

List, for the previous calendar year, sources of honoraria and payment of expenses related to your state government duties (more than \$50 in the aggregate) not previously reported to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission.

List: each individual or organization from which you received lodging, transportation, meals, expenses, or honoraria having a total value of more than \$50, for attendance at a conference, presentation of a talk, participation in a meeting, or for a published work about issues initiated by or affecting state government or state agencies.

Do not list: information about lodging, transportation, meals, money or any other thing of pecuniary value: (1) if you returned it within 30 days; (2) if you received it from the agency of which your state public office is a part; (3) if you received it from a source already listed in question 2, 9, or 10; (4) if you already reported the payment to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission as a matter of public record.

Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Payer	Expenses Value	Honorarium Amount	Circumstances of receipt
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STATEMENT OF SPOUSAL NON-DISCLOSURE ATTACHMENT

Click any documents below to open

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(You must check this checkbox and click Submit to file your SEI).
I have read the accompanying instructions and certify:

Due Date: 2/5/2020

Certified Date: 2/6/2020

Amend Date: 2/6/2020

I have read the accompanying instructions and certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. In the event this Statement of Economic Interests is filed prior to December 31st for the following calendar year, I certify that I will amend it on or before the statutory filing deadline to accurately reflect my economic interests as of December 31st. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

The information sought in this form is required by Wis. Stat. §§ 19.43 and 19.44, or Supreme Court Rule 60.05. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 15.04(1)(m), the Wisconsin Ethics Commission states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

If filing a paper copy please sign and date:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Public) Email: _____

(Public) Phone: _____

Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2020 for calendar year 2019

Official Name: Higgins, Billie Jo

Agency or Office: Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority

Position Title: Member-Public Member

- If you were appointed or nominated to a new position or a new term of office since 12/31 of the previous year, this section should be current as of your start date.
- If you are a continuing official, this section should be current as of 12/31 of the previous year.
- If you are a candidate, this section should be current as of 12/31 of the year before your election. (Forms may not be filed before 12/1 of the year before your election.)

The information sought in this form is required by Wis. Stat. §§ 19.43 and 19.44, or Supreme Court Rule 60.05. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 15.04(1)(m), the Wisconsin Ethics Commission states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

Definitions:

- "Family" or "family member" means your spouse, and any child, stepchild, parent, or parent-in-law who receives more than one-half of his or her support from you or from whom you receive more than one-half of your support.
- "Income" means gross income before deductions and depreciation, from whatever source derived, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, but excludes dividends and interest.
- A "lobbyist" is an individual who attempts to influence legislation or administrative rules in Wisconsin by communicating with an elected state official, agency official, or legislative employee on another's behalf for pay. For a list of current lobbyists, go to: <https://lobbying.wi.gov/Who/Lobbyists/2017REG/SearchNames>.

If you need further assistance, please contact Ethics Commission Staff at 608-266-8123 or ethics@wi.gov.

Information current as of 1/15/2020

1A: WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

a) Funds Available in Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program. These funds are available to participants in the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation program and many of them are also available for direct purchase, independent of that program. If you held an investment of \$5,000 or more in any of these funds – either directly or through the program-- please check the appropriate box. Please report other investments under the next question.

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

PROFILE SERIES			
Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Vanguard Retirement 2055	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2045	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2035	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2025	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Retirement 2015	☒	☐	☐
Vanguard Target Retirement Income	☒	☐	☐

INTERNATIONAL			
Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
American Euro Pacific Growth	☒	☐	☐
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index	☒	☐	☐

SMALL CAP			
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Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index	☐	☐	☐
DFA US Micro Cap Portfolio	☐	☐	☐

MID CAP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth	☐	☐	☐

LARGE CAP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Calvert Social Investment Equity	☐	☐	☐
Fidelity Contrafund	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Institutional Index Plus	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Wellington - Admiral Shares	☐	☐	☐

BOND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
BlackRock US Debt Index	☐	☐	☐
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yrs	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Long-term Investment Grade Adm Shares	☐	☐	☐

MONEY MARKET

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market	☐	☐	☐

FIXED RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Stable Value	☐	☐	☐
FDIC Bank Option	☐	☐	☐

1B: OTHER INVESTMENTS

b) Other Investments. List mutual and money market funds, stocks, bonds, limited partnerships, and Wisconsin governmental securities in which you and your family's interest was valued at \$5,000 or more. Please list securities by name (e.g., Fidelity S&P Index 500 Fund, or ABC Corporation). Do not just list the type of account or the institution through which the investments are held (e.g., IRA, Merrill Lynch account, etc.).

Include: stocks and stock options, commodity futures contracts, bonds, limited partnerships, securities issued by the State of Wisconsin or by local government entities within Wisconsin, mutual funds, and money market funds (include any of the aforementioned investments held directly, or through a deferred compensation plan, profit-sharing plan, or pension plan whose investments you or your family directs; in an individual retirement account (IRA); in a trust you or a family member created or of which you or a family member have beneficial use; or held for you by a corporation, partnership, or other entity which you or a family member controls).

DO NOT include: the Wisconsin retirement system, savings accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, annuities, insurance contracts, securities issued by the federal government or a government outside Wisconsin, securities issued by an organization that does not do any business in Wisconsin, investments held by you or your family whose total interest is valued less than \$5,000.

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WISCONSIN GOVERNMENTAL SECURITY

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
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STOCK

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Alphabet Inc Class A	☐	☐	☐
Amazon Com Inc	☐	☐	☐
Microsoft Corp	☐	☐	☐
Microsoft Corp	☐	☐	☐

MUTUAL FUND OR MONEY MARKET FUND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
American AMCAP CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Balance C	☐	☐	☐
American Balance CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Balanced CI F3	☐	☐	☐
American Bond Fund of America	☐	☐	☐
American Intermediat Bond	☐	☐	☐
Franklin Dynatech CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Hartford Midcap CL F	☐	☐	☐
Invesco Oppenheimer Developing	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Core Bond CI R6	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Equity Income CI R6	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Small Cap Growth CI	☐	☐	☐
JP Morgan Value Advantage CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Lord Abbet Short Duration	☐	☐	☐
MFS International	☐	☐	☐
MFS International	☐	☐	☐
Pgim Total Return Bond CI R6	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Dividend Growth	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Large Cap Growth	☐	☐	☐

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
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BOND

Name of Security	None	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
Amercan Fund Europacific R6	☐	☐	☐
American Funds Growth Fnd R6	☐	☐	☐
American Washing Mutual	☐	☐	☐
Goldman Sach Growth Opp CI R6	☐	☐	☐
Goldman Sachs SM Cap Value R6	☐	☐	☐
T Rowe Price Mid-Cap Value I	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard 500 Index FD Adm SHS	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard Lifestrtgy Growth	☐	☐	☐
Vanguard SM-Cap Index Fd Adm	☐	☐	☐

2: BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or
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your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

a) Enterprises operating under a business or trade name:

List the name of each business; farm; and rental, commercial and income-producing real estate that operated under a business name.

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#	Name of Business	Nature of Business	City	County	State
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List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

b) Enterprises not operating under a business or trade name: If no business or trade name, list the address or fire number where the enterprise is located.

- If you or a family member owned rental or other income-producing real estate, but did not operate under a business name, list the street address or fire number, municipality or town, county, and state of the real estate, and describe the nature of the business.
- If you or a family member was self-employed, but did not operate under a business name, list the street address or fire number, municipality or town, county, and state of the real estate, and describe the nature of the business.

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#	Name of Business	Nature of Business	City	County	State
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If you need to edit the name of the business, make changes in question 2.

List separately for each business the names and locations:

- for a general partnership, its partners
- for a corporation not registered to do business in Wisconsin, its officers and directors
- for a limited partnership not registered to do business in Wisconsin, its general partners

Do not list:

- information for a limited partnership created or registered in Wisconsin
- information for a corporation created or registered in Wisconsin

Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Name of Business	Partners, or Officers and Directors	City	State
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4: COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND TENANTS

Commercial Customers, Clients, and Tenants. For each unincorporated business, subchapter S corporation, service corporation (SC), limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or income-producing real estate reported in question 2 from which the filer or a member of the filer's immediate family received \$10,000 or more in the previous calendar year, list businesses, organizations, and lobbyists that paid the enterprise \$10,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

Please also indicate if an organization listed authorized you to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative.

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List: both a third-party payer as well as the customer, client, or tenant if the business received income from a third-party payer (such as a fee, commission, or insurance payment received by a realtor, travel agent, or medical practice)
Do not list: an individual (unless the individual was a lobbyist or acting on behalf of a business or organization), or a decedent's estate
Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Name of Customers	City	State	Spokesperson
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5: NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Non-Commercial Real Estate. List the specific location of Wisconsin real estate in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate already listed in question 2).

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Information in this section must be current as of the new official's start date or nomination date. For candidates, or officials filing an annual SEI, the section must be current as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year.

#	Location of Property	Municipality or town	County	State	Nature of interest
1	N4535 Deer Ave	Deerfield	Waushara	Wisconsin	own

6: OFFICER OR DIRECTOR

Officers and Directors. List organizations of which you or a family member was an officer or director (unless already listed in question 2).

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#	Business or Organization	City	State	Position
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7: AGENT, & REP. SPOKESPERSON

Agent, Representative or Spokesperson. List each organization that authorized you or a family member to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agency, spokesperson, or representative (unless already listed in question 2, 3, or 6).

List: each business, labor union, association, cooperative, partnership, or other organization for which you or a family member was an authorized representative or legal agent; in the case of a lawyer, business clients for which you or a family member was authorized to provide representation in dealing with other parties or before a tribunal.

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Do not list: employers listed in Item 9, businesses you listed in Item 2 as having a 10 percent or greater interest, individuals, charitable organizations (entities to which a contribution is tax deductible), political organizations (entities whose primary purpose is to influence voting), non-profit social or community service organizations, trusts, federal/state/local governments or governmental agencies, and organizations for which your efforts or those of a family member did not include representation to third parties (in the case of a lawyer).

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#	Business or Organization	City	State
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8: CREDITOR

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#	Creditor	City	State	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More Than \$50,000
1	Honda Financial Services	Elgin	IL	☒	☐
2	Landmark Credit Union	Milwaukee	WI	☒	☐
3	Wells Fargo	Appleton	WI	☐	☒

Information covers entire calendar year of 2019

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Information in the section must cover the entire previous calendar year.

#	Name of Business	City	State	Nature of Business
1	Goodwill Industries NCW	Menasha	WI	non profit social service
2	Imperial Supplies	Green Bay	WI	Sales

10: ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME

List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

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as your customer, client, or tenant; an entity that purchased real estate from you or your family; an entity that furnished you or your family honoraria not reported in question 12; any source of income not listed in question 2 or 9

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#	Source of Income	City	State
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11: ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS

List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50 in the aggregate) in the previous calendar year.

Do not list: gifts received by family members if they were not intended for you; gifts from your spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, fiancé(e), parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law.

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List, for the previous calendar year, sources of honoraria and payment of expenses related to your state government duties (more than \$50 in the aggregate) not previously reported to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission.

List: each individual or organization from which you received lodging, transportation, meals, expenses, or honoraria having a total value of more than \$50, for attendance at a conference, presentation of a talk, participation in a meeting, or for a published work about issues initiated by or affecting state government or state agencies.

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Certified Date: 2/6/2020

Amend Date: 2/6/2020

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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Matt Wimmer
Subject: Fwd: Timesheet Approval

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sarnow, Heidi" <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 27, 2020 at 9:53:08 AM CDT
To: "Wimmer, Matt" <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Timesheet Approval

Thank you, Matt. I will process your vacation payout next week and hopefully have it available for direct deposit by next Friday.

Thanks again!

From: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Timesheet Approval

Hi Heidi,

Attached is my timesheet and Sen. Testin's approval.

Thanks,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Testin, Patrick" <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 5:19:24 PM CDT
Cc: "Wimmer, Matt" <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Timesheet Approval

Hi Heidi,

I approve of Matt's timesheet.

Thanks,

Pat

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wimmer, Matt" <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 5:09:56 PM CDT
To: "Testin, Patrick" <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Timesheet Approval

Hi Pat,

Attached is my timesheet that Legislative Human Resources needs your approval on. They are allowing us to submit timesheets electronically and provided the following directions below. Per their directions below, I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time.

After you review the timesheet, can you respond with your approval? I will then forward it to Legislative Human Resources. Thanks!

Lastly, March timesheets will be due by April 10th. If you are telecommuting, please note that we will accept an electronic timesheet. If you are unable to sign your timesheet and/or have your legislator sign your timesheet, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Complete your TRIO timesheet;
- 2) Save and certify your timesheet;
- 3) Save your timesheet as a PDF file and email it to your appointing authority for review/approval with the following statement: "I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time."
- 4) Have your appointing authority review and state their approval of your timesheet in an email forward to:
 - a. Assembly staff: Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov
 - b. Senate staff: Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov

Matt Wimmer
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
608-266-3123

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS; Rep.Krug
Cc: Olson, Lisa A - DHS; Bergstrom, Leanne C - DHS
Subject: RE: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Thanks, Andrew. Appreciate the follow up.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Bergstrom, Leanne C - DHS <Leanne.Bergstrom@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Matt & John,

Our staff did contact Mr. Hoffman and his immediate concern has been addressed. He did share some additional complaints so we had a supervisor reach out to him via phone this afternoon.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Office: 608.261.6978

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Rep.Krug - LEGIS <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Grimshaw, Jerry A - DHS <Jerry.Grimshaw@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Bergstrom, Leanne C - DHS <Leanne.Bergstrom@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Hi John,

We also received Mr. Hoffman's information from Sen. Testin's office on Friday. Our pharmacy team is working with Mr. Hoffman to get his medications. I'll respond to both of your offices once there has been a resolution.

Thank you,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Office: 608.261.6978

-----Original Message-----

From: Rep. Krug - LEGIS <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:47 AM

To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Grimshaw, Jerry A - DHS <Jerry.Grimshaw@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Bergstrom, Leanne C - DHS <Leanne.Bergstrom@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: FW: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Hello. I am John Reinemann and I work for Rep. Scott Krug.

A constituent, Greg Hoffman, is in California. Mr. Hoffman is on BadgerCare Plus. As he states and as you know, BadgerCare Plus does not supply prescription drugs outside the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Hoffman has been delayed on a trip to California and as he explains, he is in need of refills for his prescriptions.

An inquiry with DHS to date resulted in the possibility being floated that Forward Health might be able to do a contract with a pharmacy in California to supply the meds. While that might be an option in the long term and in the abstract, it will not happen timely to assist Mr. Hoffman or others like him who are NOW without meds and who (through no fault of their own) cannot return to Wisconsin and find their plans upended.

Immediately, I spoke with Mr. Hoffman this morning by phone and learned he has been admitted to a hospital in Newport Beach CA. This will of course take care of his medication needs until he is discharged but that doesn't solve the problem.

Rep. Krug asks what avenues and options can be considered to address this situation.

- Might an order by the department (formal or ad-hoc) create some time and options to address the need in the immediate term?
- Might an emergency administrative rule on the matter accomplish some measure of relief either through allowing supply of meds outstate, or through temporarily allowing reimbursements for patient purchases of meds when usual means of supply and coverage cannot be met due to the current situation?
- Might the department have a mechanism to work with suppliers located in other states on a temporary basis to make meds available until some date-certain in the next 60 days (or so)?

There surely has to be a way to afford relief here, if not going forward than retroactively via reimbursement after the fact.

Please let us know your thoughts. And of course, if a more-immediate means is available to assist Mr. Hoffman please let us know that as well. Mr. Hoffman may also be contacted directly, his information is at the bottom of the message chain and the phone number is a cell phone he carries with him in California.

Thank you for your assistance with this item.

John Reinemann
Aide to Rep. Scott Krug

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Emails and office information:

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-----Original Message-----

From: greg_hoffman@earthlink.net <greg_hoffman@earthlink.net>

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:24 AM

To: Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Dear Representative Krug,

I have not been contacted by your office as of yet.

Thank you

Greg Hoffman

425 E. King St

Apt. 102

Coloma, WI 54930

303 273 5721

greg_hoffman@earthlink.net

-----Original Message-----

From: Rep.Krug <Rep.Krug@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:40 PM

To: greg_hoffman@earthlink.net

Subject: RE: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Greg,

I absolutely will have staff in contact first thing in the morning!!

Scott

From: greg_hoffman@earthlink.net [greg_hoffman@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:47 PM

To: Rep.Krug

Subject: Badger Care Plus/Forward Health Medication Access for Wisconsin Residents Who Are Temporarily Unable to Return To Wisconsin Due To Covid 19

Dear Representative Krug,

I am in need of assistance from you office.

As you may be aware Wisconsin Badger Care Pull/Forward Health covers medication for eligible state residents. However these medication are only dispensed contracted pharmacies in the State of Wisconsin.

As you may also be aware due to Covid 19 related issues many Wisconsin residents, myself included, are unable to return to Wisconsin before they run out of medications.

I have contacted Badger Care Customer Service, my HMO customer service and a number of State agencies and have been politely referred in a large circle. While some of these folks are aware of these issues they are unaware of any ways to address the problem. At present there does not appear to be any mechanisms in place to provide mediation to Wisconsin residents until such time as they are able to return to Wisconsin.

Please have a member of your staff contact me at the telephone number below to see what steps may be available.

Thank you
Greg Hoffman
425 E. King St
Apt. 102
Coloma, WI 54930
303 273 5721
greg_hoffman@earthlink.net<mailto:greg_hoffman@earthlink.net>

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Gillitzer, Erin
Subject: RE: Mandate 20-03 mpact of CIP 1A on State Employees

Hi Erin,

Thank you for the kind words. It has been a pleasure working with you and everyone else in the Chief Clerks office. I have really enjoyed working in the Senate the past couple of years. I am heading to Quartz Health Solutions for my new position.

Take care and thanks again for all of your help!

Matt

Matt Wimmer
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24th Senate District
608-266-3123

From: Gillitzer, Erin <Erin.Gillitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Mandate 20-03 mpact of CIP 1A on State Employees

Hey Matt,

Attached is a report from the DHS, which is being referred to the committee on Health and Human Services, pursuant to 46.275 (5m) and 13.172 (3), Wis. Stats. Please forward this onto your committee members, and no further action is required. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Also, thank you for being so easy to work with. Good luck with whatever you are doing! You will be missed!

Erin Gillitzer
Records and Journal Clerk
Wisconsin State Senate
(608) 266-1803

Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: FW: Mandate 20-03 mpact of CIP 1A on State Employees
Attachments: 20-03 Impact of CIP 1A - Clerks.pdf

FYI – once Erin sends these over, I just forward them to the committee members. The most update-to-date distribution list for committee members and staff is from the email I just sent out. I always include Steve McCarthy and Andrea Brauer from Leg. Council on these reports too.

I use the same list noted above when I send out agency reports, clearinghouse rule notifications, and appointment information. I only add external stakeholders to the Executive Session and Hearing Notice emails that go out publicly with the agendas.

Also, I save all of these reports here: S:\Health Committee\Agency Reports

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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Sen.Kooyenga; Sen.Jacque; Sen.Carpenter; Sen.Erpenbach
Cc: Aicher, Natalie; Lonergan, Sandy; Vander Wiele, Rachel; Sievert, Hannah; Hafenbreadl, Evan; Rettinger, Nik; Akbik, Hannah; Becker, Kelly; Gaston, Geoff; Knutson, Tryg; DeLong, Russell; Swassing, Will; Williams, Ritch; McCarthy, Steven; Brauer, Andrea; Testin, Patrick; Emerson, James; Schultz, Jeff
Subject: FW: Mandate 20-03 impact of CIP 1A on State Employees
Attachments: 20-03 Impact of CIP 1A - Clerks.pdf

Members,

Please see the attached report.

Matt Wimmer
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Emerson, James

From: Wimmer, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Sarnow, Heidi
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Thanks, Heidi. I appreciate all of your help!

From: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Sounds good. Thanks, Matt and best of luck to you!

From: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Sounds good, I did send an email to the Chief Clerks office over a week ago. I haven't reached out to the Sgt's office. I will be taking vacation Friday for my final day. I am going to fill out my time sheet on Thursday and have Sen. Testin electronically approve it and will email it to you. I plan to come in on Thursday too and hand in my keys, ID, and garage door opener to the Sgt's office.

From: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Hi Matt,

You do not need to contact anybody else. I will let the Senate Chief Clerk's office know if you have not and the Sgt's office will know when you turn in your keys.

Thank you!

Heidi

From: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Hi Heidi,

Do I need to contact anyone else regarding my time sheet to let them know that for this pay period my last day is on Friday and that I will no longer be in the Senator's office on Monday, March 30 or Tuesday March 31? I figured that I don't have to, but just wanted to double check.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Yes, just your timesheet and we will be all good. Thanks!

From: Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Madison Metro Card

Hi Heidi,

Sounds good, thanks for the update. I mailed my Cobra information yesterday to ETF. On your end, do you just need my time sheet next week? I think all other forms have been completed. I will be turning in my keys, etc. to the sergeants office on my final day.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Sarnow, Heidi
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Wimmer, Matt
Subject: Madison Metro Card

Hi Matt,

Just a reminder that your Madison Metro has been deactivated so that we can get your final bus rides deducted from the March payroll.

Thank you.

HEIDI SARNOW | Payroll and Benefits Officer
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Legislative Human Resources Office
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Madison, WI 53703
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Fax: 608.266.1151

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 11:55 AM
To: 'Tony Langenohl'
Subject: RE: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Tony,

It looks like 11-12pm would work best for Monday. I will put a hold on that and wait for the details.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

For the WI Primary Health Care Association, would 11-12 or anytime after 2:00 on Monday work?
Sending you the Video chat information for Friday shortly for Marshfield Clinic.

Thanks,
Tony

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Tony Langenohl
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Madison, WI 53703
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Link to [Wisconsin COVID-19 Resources](#)



From: "Aicher, Natalie" <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 4:47 PM

To: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>

Subject: RE: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Tony,

That works perfectly. I will mark down Marshfield Clinic for 9:30am on Friday and wait for the details.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Patrick Testin

Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:23 PM

To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Natalie;

Dr. Turney could do 9:30 on Friday, April 3rd.

If that still works, I will send the video conference information as well as the list of others that may join and a brief outline of topics.

Thanks much,
Tony

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From: "Aicher, Natalie" <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 10:17 AM
To: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Subject: RE: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Good Morning Tony,

Sen. Testin could do one meeting on Friday 4/3 between 9:30am-10:30am and one between 12:30pm-1:30pm.

He also has time available on Monday, 4/6 and can be more flexible if that works better for either group.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Thanks Jim and congratulations Natalie, look forward to working with you on the Committee.

Wondering if I could set up two video conferences with Sen. Testin;

- One with Marshfield Clinic leadership regarding the COVID-19 response, their role in increasing the testing capacity and the financial strain this crisis is putting on the system and the impact that will have on health care delivery beyond the capacity issues that everyone is focusing on with the potential surge in patients.
- One with the WPHCA (Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association) very similar, sharing the health center response to the COVID-19 health crisis and also the financial strain this is putting on their system... revenues down 60%-70%, which is putting huge strains on the system and the ability to respond to the crisis.

Both said they would make it work with the Senator's schedule.
Thanks,
Tony

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From: "Emerson, James" <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 at 11:33 AM
To: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Cc: "Aicher, Natalie" <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Testin, Patrick" <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Tony:

Thank you for the update. In the future, can you also add Natalie Aicher from our office to emails concerning health related issues? Matt Wimmer has left the office and Natalie will now be the health committee clerk.

Thanks,
Jim Emerson
Sen. Testin's Office
608-266-3123 (o)
608-658-3205 (c)

From: Tony Langenohl [tony@capitolconsultants.net]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Tony Langenohl
Cc: Ryan Natzke
Subject: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

For your background, as 1135 waivers are discussed, below please find a waiver request from Marshfield Clinic Health System to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services that we wanted to make sure was on your radar.

The flexibility and waivers MCHS seeks from WI DHS during the state of emergency are as follows:

- The ability to exceed inpatient bed capacity of our licensed hospitals;
- The ability to utilize portions of the licensed hospital buildings/space including but not limited to outpatient surgical departments or potentially other hospital outpatient departments, for acute patient care and/or as quarantine sites;
- The ability to utilize portions of the non-hospital buildings/space for patient care and/or as quarantine sites; and
- A waiver of any other requirements under the WI regulations that will allow for the same flexibilities granted by CMS under the Physical Environment waiver it granted.

Attached is an example of what they are hoping to accomplish with the WI DHS waivers, showing how they would convert an outpatient surgical department at the Marshfield Medical Center- Eau Claire to a COVID-19 treatment location.

They would like these flexibilities to meet a potential surge in patients at all of these locations:

- Marshfield Medical Center
- Marshfield Medical Center- Eau Claire
- Marshfield Medical Center- Ladysmith
- Marshfield Medical Center- Rice Lake
- Marshfield Medical Center- Beaver Dam
- Marshfield Medical Center- Neillsville, and
- Marshfield Medical Center- Minocqua (pending approval by WI DHS of hospital licensure).

Please let Ryan or I know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Best,

Tony

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From: "Kirschnik, Daniel P" <kirschnik.daniel@marshfieldclinic.org>
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3:46 PM
To: "otis.woods@dhs.wisconsin.gov" <otis.woods@dhs.wisconsin.gov>, "Hansen, Ann M - DHS (Ann.Hansen@dhs.wisconsin.gov)" <Ann.Hansen@dhs.wisconsin.gov>,
"Henry.Kosarzycki@dhs.wisconsin.gov" <Henry.Kosarzycki@dhs.wisconsin.gov>,
"lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov" <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Ryan Natzke <natzke.ryan@marshfieldclinic.org>, Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>,
"Kirschnik, Daniel P" <kirschnik.daniel@marshfieldclinic.org>
Subject: WI DHS Waiver Request for Marshfield Clinic Health System/COVID-19

Good Afternoon,

I am Associate General Counsel for the Marshfield Clinic Health System ("MCHS"). MCHS, through its hospital subsidiaries (collectively "MCHS"), operates the following licensed hospitals in WI:

Marshfield Medical Center
Marshfield Medical Center- Eau Claire
Marshfield Medical Center- Ladysmith
Marshfield Medical Center- Rice Lake
Marshfield Medical Center- Beaver Dam
Marshfield Medical Center- Neillsville, and
Marshfield Medical Center- Minocqua (pending approval by WI DHS of hospital licensure).

MCHS has been actively planning for an anticipated surge of COVID-19 patients at all of its facilities. This surge will likely require the need to increase patient capacity and appropriate cohorting of COVID-19 patients.

Yesterday CMS approved a set of additional 1135 waivers for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and hospice providers in Wisconsin, retroactively effective as of March 1, 2020. One of those waivers reads as follows:

Physical Environment: CMS is waiving certain requirements under the Medicare conditions at 42 C.F.R. §482.41 and §485.623 to allow for flexibilities during hospital, psychiatric hospital, and CAH surges. CMS will permit non-hospital buildings/space to be used for patient care and quarantine sites, provided that the location is approved by the State (ensuring safety and comfort for patients and staff are sufficiently addressed). This allows for increased capacity and promotes appropriate cohorting of COVID-19 patients.

MCHS is pleased with the flexibility this federal waiver will provide in dealing with the patient surge we are expecting at our hospitals; however, I believe MCHS also requires a waiver from WI DHS of requirements under applicable WI regulations that will allow for increased hospital bed capacity at our facilities, appropriate cohorting of COVID-19 patients, and Medicaid reimbursement. The flexibility and waivers we seek from WI DHS during the state of emergency are as follows:

- The ability to exceed inpatient bed capacity of our licensed hospitals;
- The ability to utilize portions of the licensed hospital buildings/space including but not limited to outpatient surgical departments or potentially other hospital outpatient departments, for acute patient care and/or as quarantine sites;

- The ability to utilize portions of the non-hospital buildings/space for patient care and/or as quarantine sites; and
- A waiver of any other requirements under the WI regulations that will allow for the same flexibilities granted by CMS under the Physical Environment waiver it granted.

For the duration of the state of emergency we are requesting WI DHS waive any applicable requirements under WI regulations which include but would not necessarily be limited to DHS 124 WI Administrative Code, particularly Sub-chapter V Physical Environment. MCHS will exercise its best judgment in determining appropriate use of the space so as to best to ensure the safety and comfort of our patients and staff as we continue to deal with the this state of emergency. To provide you with an example of what we are hoping to accomplish with the WI DHS waivers, attached for your review is a plan generated for Marshfield Medical Center- Eau Claire which involves the conversion of our outpatient surgical department to a COVID-19 treatment location. Hopefully it will give you a sense of the thoughtful analysis performed in developing the plan. We would like to have the flexibility to potentially develop similar plans for our other hospital facilities. If you desire, we will be happy to provide you any additional details specific to our emergency planning that might implicate the waiver(s) we are requesting.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and would appreciate a response as soon as possible. We will of course be available to address any questions or concerns you may have. You have my e-mail, but please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 715-207-5836.

Sincerely,

Dan Kirschnik
Associate General Counsel
Marshfield Clinic Health System, Inc.
 1000 North Oak Avenue
 Marshfield, WI 54449

Direct Line: (715)221-7237

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Friday Video Chat background

Importance: High

FYI For tomorrow!

From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:01 PM
To: 'Tony Langenohl'
Subject: RE: Friday Video Chat background

Tony,

Thank you! This all sounds great and I have shared the info and link with Sen. Testin.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: COVID

Dear Anello,

Thank you for reaching out. I hope you are safe and well also.

My staff contacted the Department of Workforce Development to find out if they are aware when the new federal stimulus money will be available for unemployment. Unfortunately, at this point all states are waiting for guidance from the federal government on how to implement these new programs and so they do not yet have a date when it will be available.

I am hopeful that it will be in the near future, as it is intended to provide immediate relief, but I don't have specifics at this point.

I apologize that I cannot give you an immediate answer.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

-----Original Message-----

From: Anello Mollica <anello@centralwaters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID

Good Evening Senator-

Hope you are staying safe and well during this.

Quick question for you-

We are trying like hell to not lay anybody off during this, and so far have been successful. If we do, we want to make sure the federal \$600 unemployment is there before we make that decision. As of yet I understand it isn't there. Do you have any input as to when it might be available?

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"Ale, Sun, Earth and Sky"

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Is this true?
Attachments: 20200331104336532.pdf

Tracy,

Thank you for your recent email regarding the federal CARES Act.

My staff contacted the attorneys at Legislative Council who did verify that the following provision is included in the legislation that was signed into law last month.

Continued Payment to Employees

Sec. 18006. A local educational agency, State, institution of higher education, or other entity that receives funds under "Education Stabilization Fund", shall to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus.

You can access the section, as part of the full CARES Act, by going to this link: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/748/text#HA33705C139C9451DA69A5A9616CD5781>

The federal government is still in the process of disseminating guidance to states regarding how to implement many of the provisions included in the legislation, so at this point it is unclear what this looks like in practice.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

-----Original Message-----

From: Tracy Wardour <sschoolbus@wctc.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; eversinfo@wisconsin.gov
Subject: Is this true?

Good morning.

Received this email today and am checking on the validity of this article.
Is this something that will be reinforced for the state of Wisconsin?

Tracy

Tracy Wardour
Safe-Way Bus Transit, Inc.
President
715-423-1130

-----Original Message-----

From: Tracy <sschoolbus@wctc.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Tracy <sschoolbus@wctc.net>
Subject: Message from "safewaycopier2"

This E-mail was sent from "safewaycopier2" (MP C3003).

Scan Date: 03.31.2020 10:43:36 (-0500)

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 1:38 PM
To: 'Shelley Joan Weiss'
Subject: RE: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Hi Shelley!

Please keep me on all the correspondence. I will be taking over for Matt!

Thanks!

Natalie Aicher
Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Shelley Joan Weiss <shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Dear Natalie,

Thank you! I hope Matt is following his dreams!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Shelley

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 2:07 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Shelley,

Matt Wimmer's last day was on Friday. I will check with our Chief of Staff to see who will be taking over staffing the Council and let you know ASAP!

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Patrick Testin

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From: Shelley Joan Weiss <shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Dear Natalie,

Greetings! Matt Wimer's email came back. Should I be including another staff member on the emails related to the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Military Children?

Thank you and stay safe!

Shelley

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 1:58 PM
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: <shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com>



Address not found

Your message wasn't delivered to matt.wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.

The response from the remote server was:

550 No such user (matt.wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov)

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From: Shelley Joan Weiss <shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com>
To: Angelene Mattes <mattesangie4@gmail.com>, "Benjamin R. Jones" <Benjamin.Jones@dpi.wi.gov>, "Boehlke, Rebecca" <Rebecca.boehlke@militaryonesource.com>, Cameron Campbell <cameron.l.campbell6.ctr@mail.mil>, Carolyn Stanford Taylor <Carolyn.StanfordTaylor@dpi.wi.gov>, Cindy Zahrte <CindyZ@tomah.k12.wi.us>, Dave Anderson <danderson@wiaawi.org>, "Dean Nemecek, Col" <dean.a.nemecek.mil@mail.mil>, "Gregg C. DPI Curtis" <Gregg.Curtis@dpi.wi.gov>, James Emerson <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>, John Blaha <john.l.blaha@us.army.mil>, John Hendricks <hendrijoh@gmail.com>, Lynn Sisco <lsisco@deforestschoools.org>, Matt Wimmer <matt.wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>, Michael Thompson DPI <michael.thompson@dpi.wi.gov>, Michelle TerMaat McGrath <michelle@wasc.org>, Patrick Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wi.gov>, "Rebecca Lynn (Becky) NAF Walley, (US)" <rebecca.l.walley.naf@mail.mil>, Scott Jones <Scott.Jones@dpi.wi.gov>, Wade Labecki <wlabecki@wiaawi.org>, Wendy Stanislawski <wendy.stanislawski@dpi.wi.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:

Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 13:58:06 -0500

Subject: Information - Month of the Military Child

Month of the Military Child

MOMC - MCEC Toolkit

DoDEA MOMC

Greetings Friends! I appreciate that some of you are working to recognize the ----- Message truncated -----

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Shelley Joan Weiss

Celebrate! April is the Month of the Military Child!

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19
Attachments: WALA Gov Evers Letter 03312020.pdf

From: Mike Pochowski <mpochowski@ewala.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19

Dear Senator Testin,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy.

I wanted to let you know we sent the attached letter to Governor Evers and we are also contacting members of the legislature such as yourself to ask for help too.

As I'm sure you're hearing from others, our main issues involving staffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and regulatory flexibility.

While we understand the intent of the federal government providing increased/enhanced unemployment benefits, this actually causes a disincentive for people to find jobs now – particularly in our industry where our members may be caring for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are only able to pay lower hourly wages. In addition, it is a barrier for retaining current staff.

Also, we are having a significantly difficult time obtaining PPE – masks, gloves, etc. While this is a national problem, more help is needed. We understand the state of Wisconsin is receiving shipments of PPE from the national strategic stockpile (FEMA).but none of that PPE is being designated for assisted living facilities. This is very concerning as our assisted living facility members have very low supplies to none at all.

Finally, regulatory flexibility would be very helpful to allow us to quickly have new staff provide care and services to the residents. The Department of Health Services is working with the Governor's office on this and we hope to have additional information about this soon.

If you have any questions for me, please let me know.

Be well and take care!

Thanks!

Mike

Michael S. Pochowski, MPPA
CEO
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: RE: Please Welcome Natalie

Yes – was not expecting that.

Natalie Aicher
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From: Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Please Welcome Natalie

Wow. Quite the welcome. I would be a little wary.

From: Shelley Joan Weiss [shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Angelene Mattes; Jones, Benjamin R - DPI; Boehlke, Rebecca; Cameron Campbell; Carolyn Stanford Taylor; Cindy Zahrt; Dave Anderson; Dean Nemecek, Col; Curtis, Gregg C - DPI; Emerson, James; John Blaha; John Hendricks; Lynn Sisco; Matt Wimmer; Thompson, Michael J - DPI; Michelle TerMaat McGrath; Sen.Testin; Rebecca Lynn (Becky) NAF Walley, (US); Jones, Burton S - DPI; Wade Labecki; Stanislawski, Wendy E - DPI
Subject: Please Welcome Natalie

Greetings Friends!

Please welcome Natalie Archer to our team. Matt Wimmer has moved to another position and Natalie will be taking his place as a staff member from Senator Patrick Testin's office.

Welcome Natalie and thank you for your quick and eager response to be involved.

Stay safe and healthy!

Shelley

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To: Gillitzer, Erin
Subject: RE: Health Committee

I restarted the computer, and it is there now! But it keeps timing out after opening it and shutting itself down so it never fully opens.

Natalie Aicher

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From: Gillitzer, Erin <Erin.Gillitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Health Committee

That didn't take long. You should have ComClerk on your desktop. If not, try restarting your computer. If you are still having issues or have any questions, please let me know!

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From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Beighley, Jeffrey
Subject: Health Committee

Hey JB,

I wanted to let you know – not sure if Matt gave you this heads up – that I am going to be taking over for him as Health Committee Clerk.

Jeff let me know that a Clearinghouse Rule was referred today. I am working with Erin to get ComClerk downloaded, but if you have the document associated with that Clearinghouse Rule, I will send it out to committee members.

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From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Sen.Kooyenga; Sen.Jacque; Sen.Carpenter; Sen.Erpenbach
Cc: Aicher, Natalie; Emerson, James; Schultz, Jeff; Lonergan, Sandy; Vander Wiele, Rachel; Sievert, Hannah; Hafenbreadl, Evan; Rettinger, Nik; Akbik, Hannah; Becker, Kelly; Gaston, Geoff; Knutson, Tryg; 'Land, Sam'; DeLong, Russell; Swassing, Will; Williams, Ritch; McCarthy, Steven; Brauer, Andrea; Testin, Patrick
Subject: CHR 19-077 Referred
Attachments: cr_19_077_rule_text.pdf

Members,

The following Clearinghouse Rule was referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services:

CR 19-077 – relating to youth crisis stabilization facilities.

If you are interested in requesting a public hearing on this rule, please contact our office by **Monday, April 20th**.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Lonergan, Sandy
Subject: RE: CHR 19-077 Referred

Sandy,

Yes, I will be taking over for Matt ☺

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From: Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CHR 19-077 Referred

Are you the new committee clerk? ☺

From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Carpenter <Sen.Carpenter@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Erpenbach <Sen.Erpenbach@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:57 AM
To: McCarthy, Steven
Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Steve,

That is absolutely perfect. Thank you for that!

Best,

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From: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Hi Natalie—

I just wanted to touch base on this to let you know I haven't forgotten about it. However, I've been dealing with many urgent COVID-19 questions, and this question is actually more complicated than I initially thought. Specifically, state law already allows local governments to develop a local civil service program that includes preference hiring for veterans. There are also state civil service veteran preference statutes that I'll compile for you. I hope to have something for you sometime next week. Please let me know if you need anything sooner. Thanks and have a nice weekend!



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From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:08 PM
To: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Not a problem – not time sensitive.

Thanks again.

Natalie Aicher

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From: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Ok, thanks—this is very helpful. I can dig up some background on state veteran hiring preferences—I think some of it may be in statute. I'll try and find time to get you some info, but it may not be until later in the week.



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From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:55 AM
To: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Steve,

We don't have too much, but here is some additional information we have from him:

"As you know Veterans have preference points for employment at both the Federal and State Level. Through my travels in the state I have found that not 1 County government in WI. gives preference for employment to our Veteran's. This tells me that County supervisors can hire people regardless of qualifications etc. "

Looks like it mainly has to do with the employment process. I am not aware of the specific preference point system he is defining or whether it is actually in statute.

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From: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:48 AM

To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Veteran Statute Question

Natalie—

Do you have something in writing from the constituent? I'm happy to take a look, but I'm not sure what he means by "County-Level Veteran preference equal to the state level." My first question is: preference for what? Is there a specific benefit he wants to be expanded?



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From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:43 AM

To: McCarthy, Steven <Steven.McCarthy@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Veteran Statute Question

Good Morning Steve –

Hope you are doing well! You are listed as "Veterans and Military Affairs" under the Legislative Council webpage and just wanted to see if you are aware of the statutes this constituent is referring to.

He is currently in the process of trying to introduce a resolution to the DAV for consideration for "County-Level Veteran preference equal to the state level" and is looking for the state statutes to base his resolution off of. Do you know what statutes he is referring to or where we can point him?

Thanks!

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Derr, Michael G - DHS
Subject: Grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS

Good Afternoon Mike –

Sen. Testin has an organization in his district that is applying for grant number “GFO-SA2020DEVOTS,” titled “Development of Opioid Treatment Services in Underserved Areas.” They had some questions about how implementation would be run due to the current issues with COVID-19. Would you be able to direct me to the appropriate body that is administering that grant?

Thank you.

Best,

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: question on the stimulus package

Dear Renee,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your questions on the federal CARES act in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate you reaching out to share your situation and ask your questions.

As a state senator, I did not play a role in the development of this federal legislation. Therefore, I would recommend that you contact your representatives in Washington D.C. to inquire why the legislation was drafted in this particular way. Senator Tammy Baldwin can be reached at 202-224-5653 or you can email her office [here](#). Senator Ron Johnson can be reached at 202-224-5323 or you can email his office [here](#).

I apologize that I cannot be of more immediate assistance and hope that you are staying safe and healthy. Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Renee Quinnell <rquinnell302@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:28 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: question on the stimulus package

According to what I have read and heard on the news the stimulus check will be paid out based on our 2019 tax return. What about those of us that don't have the same job as we did last year? I was permanently laid off in Nov 2019 due to work force reduction and I started a new job in Dec 2020. My income for 2019 taxes was over \$150,000.00 as an individual because I had to cash out my 401K when I lost my job to help my 3 adult children make their payments on those outrageous student loans they have.

My new job I now have, my salary is under \$50,000.00 so from what I am understanding I will get nothing for this stimulus check. **Why is this stimulus check not getting paid out on a person's current wages?** There are many of us that now having lower paying jobs in 2020 so our income is a lot different then it was last year at this time and we would qualify for the \$1200.00 if you went off of our current income NOT 2019. WE work HARD.....it is NOT our fault that we lost our high paying jobs last year- feels like we are getting punished twice!! If I had the same income as I did in 2019 I would care about the stimulus check

What are you doing to help us out??????? I do we get ahold of someone to let them know we don't have that high income level for 2020????

Also what about those on Social security???????

Thank you,

Renee Quinnell
715-459-4135

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: motel property taxes

Dear Raj,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns with impending property tax payments and the impacts that COVID-19 has had on your business. I appreciate you reaching out.

Business owners from across the state are dealing with the negative effects of COVID-19. The Legislature has been having continued conversations about potential state actions to mitigate the damages that this virus is having on the state's economy. To my knowledge, action of the nature that you are requesting would require Legislative approval and I will be sure to keep this in mind as the conversations with my colleagues continue.

I hope that despite the circumstances around us, that you are staying safe and healthy during this time.

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From: Raj Patel <super8tomah@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Wimmer, Matt <Matt.Wimmer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: motel property taxes

To: Senator Patrick Testin

From: Tomah Super 8 Motel, and the AmericInn

Dear Mr. Testin

I am the owner-manager of both the Super 8 Motel and AmericInn Lodge and Suites of Tomah.

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The immediate crisis we are facing has to do with property taxes. The extreme drop in occupancy has already radically reduced our incomes, forced us to lay off most staff, and left us with skeleton crews to run the properties. We do not have funds left on hand to both pay the taxes and remain in operation.

We would like to know if there is a way to defray the taxes, reduce them, or make them payable at later dates so we can keep the businesses running until the outbreak ends.

Your help in this matter is deeply appreciated. Thank you for listening to us.

PS: And thank you so much for the good talk we had earlier.

Raj Patel, Owner-Manager

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Thank You
Raj Patel

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: RE: motel property taxes

Ok will do.

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Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Hold off on this one. I've spoken to Raj by phone, and I sent him the hospitality assoc. release last night, to which he responded back.

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Thank You
Raj Patel

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 4:51 PM
To: 'Dawn'
Subject: RE: Senior Care
Attachments: COVID19_Alert_010.pdf

Good Afternoon Dawn,

I just received the following information from DHS -

New guidance was just issued on Wednesday (attached), which moves almost everything to a 100 day supply. My contact was not certain about the specific prescription, but "COPD agents" are listed in the 100 day category.

He is going to run this through to check on the specific prescription, but if you provide the attached guidance sheet to the pharmacy, their position may have changed since Wednesday.

I will be sure to let you know what our contact comes back with, but I hope this is helpful in the interim. I'm sorry about the delay in getting back to you!

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn <tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Senior Care

Hi Natalie

First let me say what a terrific job you did helping us. Your fast, considerate assistance was very reassuring for both my Mom and me. So again thank you!!

My Mom was able to get a 90 day supply of all her medications except for Spiriva, an inhaler for her COPD. The Pharmacy said they were told by Senior Care that this is still just a 30 day authorization. Do you know if that is accurate, limiting Spiriva to only 30 days?

Thank you!

Respectfully, Dawn

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 19, 2020, at 4:53 PM, Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you Dawn. I already emailed the staff at DHS and will let you know as soon as I get an answer back.

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> Thanks for your patience!

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> Natalie Aicher

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> Legislative Assistant

> Office of Senator Patrick Testin

> Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Dawn <tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:49 PM

> To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

> Subject: Re: Senior Care

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> Thanks Natalie

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> She uses Auroa Pharmacy in Wautoma

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 19, 2020, at 4:33 PM, Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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>> Dawn,

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>> Thanks for letting me know! I will contact DHS and OCI right now to let them know about this and try to get an update on whether these medications are included or will be.

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>> What pharmacy does your mom use?

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>> Best,

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>> Natalie Aicher

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>> Legislative Assistant

>> Office of Senator Patrick Testin

>> Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Dawn <tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com>
>> Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:30 PM
>> To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
>> Cc: tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com
>> Subject: Senior Care
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>> Hi Natalie - your office gave me your email. I really want to thank you for following up on the 100 day supply of my Mom's medication through Senior Care. We submitted the request to our local pharmacy, and they tried to put the 100 day request through and Senior Care denied it saying either it was too soon to order or limit is one month.
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>> Her prescriptions are not for narcotics but rather Eliquis, Spiriva, Atorvastatin, Advair, Methocarbamol, and Omeprazole. These medications are for her COPD and heart conditions
>>
>> Has this authorization not gone to Senior Care yet? Can you tell me when it will?
>>
>> Thank you again for your help!
>>
>> Respectfully,
>>
>> Dawn Tompkins
>> 847-942-4858
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: WPHCA COVID-19 potential policy changes
Attachments: WPHCAstatememo04052020

For the 11am meeting:

From: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Tony Langenohl <tony@capitolconsultants.net>
Cc: Carly Meyer <cmeyer@wphca.org>
Subject: WPHCA COVID-19 potential policy changes

On behalf of the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, attached please find a memo outlining potential policy changes that would assist Wisconsin Community Health Centers with health care delivery related to combatting COVID-19.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these recommendations.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Carly Meyer, Communications and Policy Coordinator for the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association (cmeyer@wphca.org), 608-443-2962.

Best,
Tony

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Community Health Centers, Dentists, Hospital Providers, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

REGARDING

ForwardHealth Has Expanded the List of Drugs Available Through Expedited Emergency Supply

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ForwardHealth is temporarily altering certain policy requirements in order to prevent further spread of the disease and effectively treat existing cases. These altered policy requirements will only be in effect during the public health emergency declared by Governor Tony Evers for the State of Wisconsin under Executive Order 72.

ForwardHealth Has Expanded the List of Drugs Available Through Expedited Emergency Supply

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2020, ForwardHealth, which has an expedited emergency supply policy dispensing option available for certain drugs, has expanded the list of drugs available through expedited emergency supply and will allow most drugs to be dispensed in up to a 100-day expedited emergency supply. A table with the expanded list of drugs available by expedited supply is included below and is also available on the [Pharmacy Resources](#) page of the ForwardHealth Portal. Pharmacy providers should continue to follow the current processes for requesting an expedited emergency supply of drugs detailed in the [Emergency Medication Dispensing](#) topic (#1399) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

UP TO 14-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 34-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 100-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION
DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME
		Angiotensin Modulators, ACE Inhibitors
		Angiotensin Modulators, ARBs and DRIs
		Angiotensin Modulators, Combination
		Antibiotics, GI
		Antibiotics, Tetracyclines
		Antibiotics, Topical
		Anticoagulants
		Anticonvulsants (Excluding Diacomit, Sympazan, Vigadrone, and vigabatrin)
		Antidepressants, Other
		Antidepressants, SSRI
		Antiemetics
		Antiemetics/Antivertigo (Excluding scopolamine patch)
		Antifungals, Oral
		Antifungals, Topical (Excluding Jublia and Kerydin)
		Antihistamines, Minimally Sedating
		Antihypertensives, Miscellaneous

UP TO 14-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 34-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 100-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION
DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME
		Erythropoiesis Stimulating Proteins
		Fibromyalgia
		GI Motility, Chronic – Constipation
		GI Motility, Chronic – Diarrhea
		Glucocorticoids, Inhaled
		Glucocorticoids, Oral (Excluding Emflaza)
		Gout Agents (Excluding febuxostat tabs)
		H2 Antagonists
		Hepatitis B Agents
		Hypoglycemics, Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors
		Hypoglycemics, DPP-4 Inhibitors
		Hypoglycemics, Insulins (Excluding Long-Acting)
		Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides
		Hypoglycemics, Other (Excluding metformin ER OSM-tab)
		Hypoglycemics, Sulfonylureas
		Hypoglycemics, Thiazolidinediones

UP TO 14-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 34-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION	UP TO 100-DAY SUPPLY AUTHORIZATION
DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME	DRUG OR CLASS NAME
		Ophthalmics, Anti-Inflammatory/ Immunomodulators (Excluding Cequa solution)
		Ophthalmics, Glaucoma—Beta Blockers
		Ophthalmics, Glaucoma—Other
		Ophthalmics, Glaucoma— Prostaglandins (Excluding bimatoprost 0.03% 7.5 ml and Lumigan 0.01% 7.5 ml)
		Opioid Dependency Agents (Only buprenorphine for pregnant women and Sublocade)
		Pancreatic Enzymes
		Phosphate Binders (Excluding sevelamer [Gen-Renvela] and lanthanum carbonate)
		Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors
		Prenatal Vitamins
		Proton Pump Inhibitors
		Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
		Sedative Hypnotics (Excluding temazepam 7.5 mg and 22.5 mg)
		Skeletal Muscle Relaxants
		Steroids, Topical High



April 4, 2020

To: Senator Roger Roth, Senate President
Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jennifer Shilling, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Robin Vos, Speaker of the Assembly
Representative Jim Steineke, Assembly Majority Leader
Representative Gordon Hintz, Assembly Minority Leader
Representative Joe Sanfelippo, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee
Senator Patrick Testin, Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Members of the Senate and Assembly Health Committees
From: Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association
RE: State COVID-19 Response Priorities for Wisconsin Health Centers and their Patients

The Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, the member association for Wisconsin's 17 Community Health Centers, is writing to express the needs of our Health Centers and the 300,000 patients that they serve, and to share our sense of urgency for legislation that will help Community Health Centers in Wisconsin combat the current state of emergency related to COVID-19.

Current projections from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation state that the COVID-19 crisis will peak nationwide around April 15, and in Wisconsin around April 26. This surge in cases is likely to overwhelm the state's intensive care units and hospitals. In assisting with this state emergency, Community Health Centers are acting as shock absorbers for the health care delivery system by providing screening, patient education, virtual visits, in-person visits, and emergency dental access.

In order to continue to meet the needs of the communities Health Centers serve, Health Centers, and all providers, need access to **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**. The lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is hampering providers' ability to address the screening, testing, and care needs of patients. This will increasingly be putting our health care workforce at greater and greater personal risk. Wisconsin was already experiencing a health care workforce shortage before this crisis, the state cannot afford to put our current providers in harm's way without adequate protective equipment.

Policies that would support Health Centers

From a policy perspective, Health Centers would find the following actions helpful to initiate or retain for the duration of the pandemic:

1. **Action to pave the way for Wisconsin to receive the increased FMAP.** Suspending the 1115 Waiver for Childless adults for the duration of the public health emergency will allow Wisconsin to receive a 6.2% increase in our FMAP. This will enable additional federal fiscal support for patients adversely impacted and will help Wisconsin stretch GPR funding.
2. **Extension of credentialing and licensing flexibilities for health care providers from other states and former health care providers.** Leveraging health care providers who are retired or who have similar credentials from other states and /or are currently enrolled in Medicare allows for flexibility to increase staffing for this crisis.
3. **Telehealth Services.** Additional flexibilities have been granted to provider organizations in meeting patient health care needs during this pandemic through virtual visits. This flexibility enables providers and patients to access necessary services virtually, which further reduces the

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transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We think it is critical to maintain this type of access to care.

4. **Flexibility in Practice Site Designation:** Presumptively approving temporary service locations allows health care providers the ability to offer drive-through COVID testing, screening, or other lab work required to provide continuum of care.
5. **Provisions to support childcare access and affordability for health care workers and essential workers during the public health emergency.** As our health care and essentials workers are supporting their communities during this pandemic, they have families that need to be cared for. Providing funding and support for childcare during this pandemic is a crucial support.
6. **Support funding for the implementation of Virtual Health systems.** Nearly every health center in Wisconsin is quickly moving to operationalize virtual health services for their patients.

Policies to support Health Centers' patients and employees

As our health care providers are on the frontlines helping to combat COVID-19, our patients and employees are feeling the economic, physical, and emotional burden of the COVID-19 state of emergency. The vast majority of Health Center patients have incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and nearly half have incomes below 100% FPL. According to a recent Axios-Ipsos survey, more affluent workers can work from home, while lower wage workers are more likely to be furloughed or work in conditions where they can be exposed to the virus. The working status for many Americans is not only tied to socioeconomic wellbeing, but emotional well-being as well. Providing additional support for our community members is vital to protecting the health and wellbeing of our patients.

From a policy perspective, Health Centers would find the following actions helpful to initiate and/or retain for the benefit of our patients and other impacted members of the public for the duration of the pandemic:

- **Maintain Medicaid coverage.** During the emergency, protect low-income individuals from losing vital access to care and treatment, by helping people maintain Medicaid coverage, including suspending the collection of co-pays, eligibility re-determinations, and other processes that put administrative burdens on patients. WPHCA also supports expanding Medicaid coverage to pregnant women for post-partum care and extending Medicaid coverage to childcare workers that are helping meet the needs of our essential health workforce during this crisis.
- **Maintain or expand access to benefits.** Health Center patients, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, struggled with access to services designed to meet basic needs. Expanding access to benefits including Wisconsin Shares, loan programs, cash assistance, unemployment benefits, heating assistance and food assistance as well as supporting grants to ensure communities can further support these needs is essential in the overall response to this emergency.
- **Maintain protections essential to housing stability to help curb community spread.** Prohibiting utility cooperatives from disconnecting customers and prohibiting landlord directed disconnections from rental units and maintaining tenant protections through the temporary ban on evictions and foreclosures for the duration of the emergency is an important step in providing housing stability for our patients.

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- **Strengthen consumer insurance protections, including cost-sharing protections and cost control mechanisms to ensure access to care during the duration of the public health emergency. These would include:**
 - No cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment
 - Prohibit coverage discrimination based on COVID-19
 - Prohibit policy cancellation during public health crisis
 - Prohibit out-of-network provider charges and payments for diagnosis or treatment related to COVID-19.
 - Provide parity in coverage across types of insurance for telehealth services.
 - Establish a COVID-19 reinsurance program to reduce health insurance premiums.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we need the Administration and the Legislature to be working hand in hand to nimbly respond to these crises that are impacting our state. The situation is continuing to change – and we need our elected officials to be both responsive and proactive in addressing it. Health Centers are prioritizing the health and safety of our healthcare workers and our patients, and are addressing the barriers to supporting the healthcare system.

We are encouraging the Legislature to act quickly in order to help WPHCA and organizational partners to respond as effectively as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Carly Meyer at cmeyer@wphca.org or 608-443-2962

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Subject: RE: Constituent Question on Senior Care - 100 day supply

Thank you, Andrew!

Natalie Aicher

Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Question on Senior Care - 100 day supply

Hi Natalie,

I can confirm that effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, this medication can now be filled on a 100 days' supply. This medication will be allowed to be filled in a 100 days' supply throughout the public health emergency. Once the emergency is over, the medication will go back to its original supply length.

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Cell: 608-590-3089

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie - LEGIS <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Question on Senior Care - 100 day supply

Hi Natalie,

I'll double check on this. We did just come out with new guidance (attached) on Wednesday that moves most everything to a 100 day supply. I don't know where this specific prescription falls in terms of classification but "COPD agents" are listed in the 100 day category. Feel free to share this with your constituent and they can maybe provide that to their pharmacy and I'll route this through in the interim.

Thanks,

Andrew Hoyer-Booth
Deputy Legislative Director
Department of Health Services
Office of the Secretary
Cell: 608-590-3089

-----Original Message-----

From: Aicher, Natalie - LEGIS <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Constituent Question on Senior Care - 100 day supply

Good Morning Andrew -

Dawn followed up and gave me the following message:

"My Mom was able to get a 90 day supply of all her medications except for Spiriva, an inhaler for her COPD. The Pharmacy said they were told by Senior Care that this is still just a 30 day authorization. Do you know if that is accurate, limiting Spiriva to only 30 days?"

Do you have the list of allowed/restricted medications that I could give her?

Thanks!

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS <andrew.hoyerbooth@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Question on Senior Care - 100 day supply

Hi Andrew -

I hope that you are doing well despite the circumstances. Our constituent is trying to get an extended supply of medications through her pharmacy for her mother and they are denying the 100 day request through SeniorCare. We had been advised through the briefing yesterday that Medicaid and SeniorCare programs had a list of medications that were authorized for 100 day supply refills in case there is a disruption in the supply chain. Her mother is still being denied for the refills.

Jim Jones indicated yesterday that DHS would be interested to know what medications and pharmacies would be denying these requests at the legislative webinar.

I inquired about what pharmacy her mother uses to get more information but the majority of the context is below.

Thanks for your help.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn <tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: tompkins.dawn@yahoo.com
Subject: Senior Care

Hi Natalie - your office gave me your email. I really want to thank you for following up on the 100 day supply of my Mom's medication through Senior Care. We submitted the request to our local pharmacy, and they tried to put the 100 day request through and Senior Care denied it saying either it was too soon to order or limit is one month.

Her prescriptions are not for narcotics but rather Eliquis, Spiriva, Atorvastatin, Advair, Methocarbamol, and Omeprazole. These medications are for her COPD and heart conditions

Has this authorization not gone to Senior Care yet? Can you tell me when it will?

Thank you again for your help!

Respectfully,

Dawn Tompkins
847-942-4858

Sent from my iPhone

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:17 PM
To: 'hschuepp@pointschools.net'
Subject: April 7th Meeting

Good Morning Heidi,

Sen. Testin unfortunately will not be able to make the call tomorrow morning. He is volunteering to work the polls for Election Day. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions stemming from the conversations at the meeting and please share the minutes from the meeting when they are available.

Thanks you so much.

Best,

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
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Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Support bill

Dear Breeda,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your support of legislation "to license NDs." I appreciate you reaching out to share your thoughts.

I believe that you are referring to Senate Bill 866 and Assembly Bill 973, relating to the regulation and licensure of naturopathic doctors. These bills were formally introduced to the Legislature in early March. Unfortunately, the Assembly had their last regular floor session in February and this bill did not receive a vote. Therefore, since this legislation did not advance in the Assembly, it is unlikely that the bill will continue to progress in the Senate. Despite this, I will continue to keep your support for this legislation in mind going forward in case it comes before me in the future.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Breeda Willis <getfitnowllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:04 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support bill

Please support bill.

The bill to license NDs

Sent from my iPad

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Emerson, James; Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Election Day

Not sure what published remarks he is referring to?

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From: Bob Worden <bob.worden65@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election Day

Dear Senator Testin,

I am 72 years old and a life-long Republican. I am about as conservative a constituent as you have. Yet, for the life of me, I fail to understand why you and your Republican colleagues feel it necessary to to keep April 7 as this year's election day. I ordered, received and submitted my absentee ballot, so I am safe no matter what the election date is. That said, many did not do as I did and, therefore, must go to the polling locations if they are to exercise their voting rights.

I have read the published reasons for your actions, however, I find them severely lacking in substance. You seem to have taken a lesson from the Democrat-led House of Congress in that you seem to be playing politics at a time when such nonsense is totally uncalled for. I view your actions as, at least, irresponsible and severely lacking in leadership. I urge you and your colleagues to be reasonable at this time and take to heart the fears and feelings of your constituency.

I look forward any response you may care to offer.

Sincerely,

Bob Worden
2741 County Road K North
Custer, WI 54423

(715) 340-0698

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Olson, Lisa A - DHS; Hoyer-Booth, Andrew G - DHS
Subject: Tomah Vacant Hospital

Good Afternoon Lisa and Andrew,

Sen. Testin asked that I contact you following a conversation he had with the CEO of Tomah Health. He informed Sen. Testin that the old Tomah Hospital is currently vacant, but has working capabilities to house and treat COVID-19 patients if needed. They have permission from the owner to use the facility and are looking into what is needed to become an overflow facility/additional resource for the area.

I wanted to contact DHS on their behalf to see if there is someone at DHS who is working on regional sites, such as this who we could put in touch with the CEO -- Or if there is any information that I could provide him with about their offer.

Thanks for all you are doing in this crazy time.

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:35 PM
To: 'cmoua@freedom-inc.org'
Subject: RE: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Good Afternoon Chai,

I apologize for the delay. Our office has been undergoing an adjustment in scheduling during this uncertain time. Sen. Testin would very much like to meet with you regarding the concerns of your community. Due to the current issues with COVID-19, would it be possible to set up a call between you and the Senator for later this week?

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

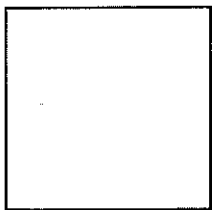
Good evening Sen. Testin,

Thank you for replying to my message. I would love to set up a meeting with you so I can share with you some concerns our community has with this recent news of deportation in our Hmong community. This is an issue that I have been following and organizing on for many years now. There are many among your constituents that are directly impacted by this issue.

As my senator, I want to share these stories with you and talk about different opportunities that you may be able to help us with. Please let me know when would be a good time for us to meet. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:37 PM
To: 'PTheisen@portagecountybank.com'
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

Good Afternoon Pete,

I wanted to check in with you to see what the plans are for the Portage County Deer Advisory Council Hearings. Will the April meeting be held remotely? Or should Sen. Testin check the schedule for the May meeting?

Hope you are staying safe and healthy.

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From: Peter Theisen <PTheisen@portagecountybank.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

Dear Senator Patrick:

I would like to invite you to our CDAC meeting this spring. I know you are extremely busy and understand if you are not available.

Our first meeting is April 8 6 PM Portage County Annex Building Strongs Ave Stevens Point.
The second hearing is May 6th 6 PM. Annex Building.

Would also like in invite you to the Wi Conservation Congress meeting at Ben Franklin April 13th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about CDAC, WCC or if you would like my opinions.

Thanks for doing a great job in Madison.

Sincerely,

Pete Theisen
Chairperson Portage County CDAC
WCC delegate

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:02 PM
To: 'Chai Moua'
Subject: RE: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

We could likely do a 9:30am-10am call on Friday. Will that work with you? If so, what number should I have Sen. Testin call?

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Natalie,
Would sometime on Friday work?

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:36 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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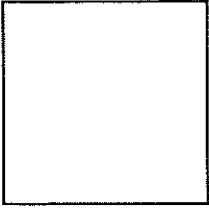
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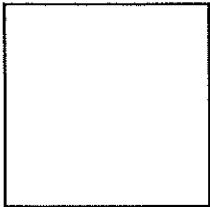
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: March 2020 Timesheets

Importance: High



Natalie Aicher
Timesheet Marc...

I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and times indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time.

Please review my timesheet and send to Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov after your review.

Let me know when you have done so.

Thanks!

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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From: Sarnow, Heidi <Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:26 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: March 2020 Timesheets
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

This is a reminder to certify your time reporting for March 2020, print the information and have the paper form signed by both yourself and the Senator. Once you have this process complete, please forward the time sheet to the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) by **5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10th**.

If you are telecommuting, please note that we will accept an electronic timesheet. If you are unable to sign your timesheet and/or have your legislator sign your timesheet, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Complete your TRIO timesheet;
- 2) Save and certify your timesheet;
- 3) Save your timesheet as a PDF file and email it to your appointing authority for review/approval with the following statement: "I was engaged in employment for the Wisconsin State Legislature on the dates and hours indicated and I did not engage in campaign activities during such time."
- 4) Have your appointing authority review and state their approval of your timesheet in an email and forward to Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov

It is important to complete this process as soon as possible so the information shown on your trio account will show accurate leave. All leave usage information is entered directly from the time sheets you submit. Any delay in submitting those sheets will result in inaccurate data being shown on trio. Employees who wish to fax time sheets to the LHRO may do so. The fax number is 6-1151. Please note that the signed should still be forwarded by inter-d mail to the LHRO.

If your office has already sent signed hard copies of the time sheets to the Senate Chief Clerk or LHRO, you need not do anything.

Employees having technical questions on the electronic certification and/or printing process to be used should contact the Legislative Technology Services Bureau Technical Support at 7-9528 or via e-mail at technical.support@legis.state.wi.us for assistance.

Thank you.



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Summary from 3/1/2020 to 3/31/2020

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Derr, Michael G - DHS
Subject: RE: Grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS

Thank you Mike!

I hope you are doing well as well.

I will be sure to reach out to Beth with my constituent's questions.

Thanks for your help!

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Derr, Michael G - DHS <Michael.Derr@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Collier, Elizabeth A - DHS <Elizabeth.Collier@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS

Good afternoon, Natalie. I hope that you and your colleagues and loved ones are staying healthy. Our Bureau is overseeing this grant program and put out the solicitation for grant proposals. More information regarding the program solicitation and GFO is found in the link below:

<http://publicnotices.wi.gov/NoticeView.asp?Inid=1534793>

The primary contact person for this program is Beth Collier, the State Opioid Treatment Authority. She can be reached at Elizabeth.Collier@dhs.wisconsin.gov or at her cell number, (608) 215-8601. Let me know if you any further requests.

Sincerely,

Mike

NOTE: I am currently working remotely. If you need to reach me, please email or call my work cell phone number listed below. Thank you.

Michael Derr, MPA & JD, SABG Planner
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Division of Care & Treatment Services/BPTR
1 W. Wilson Street, Room 736

Madison, WI 53703

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Michael.Derr@wisconsin.gov

From: Aicher, Natalie - LEGIS <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:22 PM

To: Derr, Michael G - DHS <Michael.Derr@dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS

Good Afternoon Mike –

Sen. Testin has an organization in his district that is applying for grant number “GFO-SA2020DEVOTS,” titled “Development of Opioid Treatment Services in Underserved Areas.” They had some questions about how implementation would be run due to the current issues with COVID-19. Would you be able to direct me to the appropriate body that is administering that grant?

Thank you.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Committee Clerk

Office of Senator Patrick Testin

Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Collier, Elizabeth A - DHS
Subject: Grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS

Good Afternoon Beth,

I hope you are doing well. Our constituent organization is interested in applying for the grant GFO-SA2020DEVOTS and is concerned that with their current focus on COVID-19 that they would not be able to complete spending the funds by September. Since the date for the application was pushed out, they are wondering whether the dates for the grant will be moved out as well.

Thank you for any insight you can provide.

Best,

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From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:40 PM
To: 'Peter Theisen'
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

Pete,

Sounds great. I will make sure to get that on the calendar for Sen. Testin.

On your second point – unfortunately that is unclear.

Best,

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From: Peter Theisen <PTheisen@portagecountybank.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

Natalie:

Thanks for contacting me. The DNR is having a call in hearing. The number is 855-947-8255, and passcode 9656-506. Wednesday 4-8 at 6:00PM.

Thanks,
Pete Theisen

PS: Are we voting tomorrow or in June?

From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Peter Theisen <PTheisen@portagecountybank.com>
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

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Good Afternoon Pete,

I wanted to check in with you to see what the plans are for the Portage County Deer Advisory Council Hearings. Will the April meeting be held remotely? Or should Sen. Testin check the schedule for the May meeting?

Hope you are staying safe and healthy.

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From: Peter Theisen <PTheisen@portagecountybank.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: CDAC (Portage County Deer Advisory Council) Hearings

Dear Senator Patrick:

I would like to invite you to our CDAC meeting this spring. I know you are extremely busy and understand if you are not available.

Our first meeting is April 8 6 PM Portage County Annex Building Strong's Ave Stevens Point.
The second hearing is May 6th 6 PM. Annex Building.

Would also like to invite you to the WI Conservation Congress meeting at Ben Franklin April 13th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about CDAC, WCC or if you would like my opinions.

Thanks for doing a great job in Madison.

Sincerely,

Pete Theisen
Chairperson Portage County CDAC
WCC delegate
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From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:50 PM
To: 'Chai Moua'
Subject: RE: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Perfect- will do.

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

That works. Have him call me on my cell phone at 715-303-8898.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 4:02 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

We could likely do a 9:30am-10am call on Friday. Will that work with you? If so, what number should I have Sen. Testin call?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Natalie,

Would sometime on Friday work?

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:36 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Chai,

I apologize for the delay. Our office has been undergoing an adjustment in scheduling during this uncertain time. Sen. Testin would very much like to meet with you regarding the concerns of your community. Due to the current issues with COVID-19, would it be possible to set up a call between you and the Senator for later this week?

Best,

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Good evening Sen. Testin,

Thank you for replying to my message. I would love to set up a meeting with you so I can share with you some concerns our community has with this recent news of deportation in our Hmong community. This is an issue that I have been following and organizing on for many years now. There are many among your constituents that are directly impacted by this issue.

As my senator, I want to share these stories with you and talk about different opportunities that you may be able to help us with. Please let me know when would be a good time for us to meet. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Ntxhais Chai Moua

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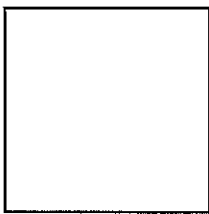
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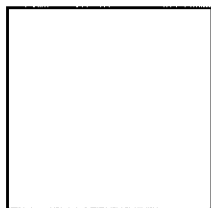
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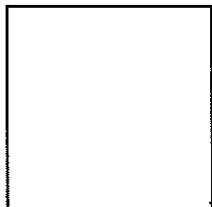
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Thank you,
Jordan
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Jordan Lamb, DeWitt LLP

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Subject: RE: Call this morning?

How about a call at 11am?

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Perfect. Will he call me? Or what number should I call?

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: For Tom Ludwig:
Attachments: Personal Protective Equipment Summary 040620.pdf

Pat,

After following up again with Lisa, she send me the following :

Action Requested: Strategic National Stockpile Order Process

This email was sent to long-term care facilities, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The State Emergency Operations Center has notified Wisconsin Department of Health Services that the final allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is available for distribution.

These supplies include N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, hoods, gowns, coveralls, and gloves.

The following groups are eligible to receive PPE resources from the SNS supply:

- Hospitals
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Long-term Care/Nursing facilities
- Skilled nursing facilities

Facilities/agencies that submit requests must meet all of the following criteria:

- Facility/agency supply is depleted or will be in one week,
- Shortage or depletion is impacting ability to ensure patient care and/or worker safety,
- Facility/agency has exhausted attempts to secure PPE from other sources, and
- Facility/agency has consistently implemented CDC strategies to optimize use of N95 respirators.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, hospitals must complete the COVID-19 Essential Elements of Information daily in EMResource.

DHS will use a Scarce Resource Decision Tree to determine to which agencies PPE will be allocated.

Please use this link to order PPE from the SNS:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5537797/Patient-Care-Provider-SNS-PPE-Request-3>

THIS ORDER NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY 2 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4/8.

PLEASE NOTE: These items are past their manufacturer-designated shelf life. They may not be used in surgical settings. FDA has provided an emergency use authorization that allows these resources to be used for this purpose. **Due to scarcity of resources, you will not receive your full order.**

Please do not respond to this email. Additional information about COVID-19 is available at the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) website.

This is what they have available at this point and it needs to be filled out by 2pm today.

Best,

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Personal Protective Equipment
Update from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
Last Updated: April 6, 2020, 11:15

An important tool for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 is the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by workers who come into close contact with respiratory secretions of symptomatic and/or infected persons. Unfortunately, PPE is in critical short supply throughout the nation. This document outlines our procurement and distribution efforts to date.

Procurement

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is procuring PPE for distribution to local partners through the following mechanisms:

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)**—A Federal program that provides PPE to states based on a population formula. Wisconsin's population accounts for 1.7% of the SNS.
- **Governor's PPE Buy Back Program:** On March 26, Governor Evers announced a PPE Buy Back or Donation program. Persons who would like to sell or donate PPE via this program can contact the state via the following website: <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations>.

The Program has worked with 116 donors: 107 of these donations were offering small amounts of PPE, including items like gowns, hand sanitizer, gloves, surgical masks, toilet paper, N95 masks, and thermometer probe covers and were directed to local recipients. Nine of the donors provided N95 masks, surgical masks, gloves, gowns that were accepted at the state warehouse.

In addition, the team has been contacted by 339 companies looking to sell PPE and other critical items. Of these, at least nearly 60 have been referred to the Emergency Procurement Team to explore direct procurement.

- **Direct Procurement:** SEOC Emergency Procurement Team also procures PPE directly through vendors. An important component of this work is to ascertain the validity of vendors, as numerous scams have been identified in the current environment of scarce resources. The Emergency Procurement Team has been actively procuring PPE and other critical items needed for the state's COVID-19 response since March 20th.

To date the team has entered into agreements to purchase approximately*:

- 2.2 million N95 masks
- 5.0 million medical masks
- 15,500 KN95 masks
- 46,300 boxes of gloves (100 per box)
- 337,000 face shields
- 5,500 gowns
- 5,000 coveralls

*** Most of these items are in process and have not been delivered to the warehouse**

The team is also working cooperatively with WEDC in identifying Wisconsin manufacturers that are retooling their operations to produce PPE.

Within each of these categories, total amounts to each requester was made based on requested need or a pro-rated amount per bed or county population and the number of COVID-19+ cases in their county.

Given the third shipment will be the last supply received through the SNS, a portion of that shipment (approximately 24%) will be held back to meet acute needs including, but not limited to, isolation facilities, alternate care sites, acute needs in high-risk congregate settings, and supporting state agencies. The remainder of the shipment will be distributed as follows:

- Around 45% will be sent to hospitals
- Around 25% will be sent to long-term care and skilled nursing facilities
- Around 15% will be sent to EMS and first responders
- Around 5% will be sent to medical examiners and coroners
- Around 5% will be sent to public safety workers

Non-Medical Agencies: Recognizing that public safety agencies (such as law enforcement, fire departments, and others) did not receive supplies from the SNS, a distribution was made to each county or tribe's emergency manager on April 4, 2020. Quantities were determined by a combination of each county's stated need and a population formula. The following supplies were allocated:

Items	Quantity
N95 Respirators	15,100
Surgical Masks	24,200
Coveralls	2,047
Gloves	33,600

What's Next?

As we move forward, we will be distributing supplies that we have procured through the donation/buy-back program or procurement on a regular basis to agencies throughout the state. A system that outlines the process will be shared with all eligible parties the week of April 6th.

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To: 'Tom.wecare@thegivingtreeslc.com'
Subject: PPE Questions: Sen. Testin
Attachments: Personal Protective Equipment Summary 040620.pdf

Good Morning Tom,

Sen. Testin had me looking into your questions on PPE and contacts at the Department of Health Services that we may be able to put you in touch with. Unfortunately, there isn't a particular contact that they recommended and the Department is being flooded with questions as you can imagine. However; they gave us some additional information on PPE allocations to facilities of your nature. You may have already seen this, as it is something that was sent by DHS to Assisted Living Facilities, Hospitals, etc. If you have not, please submit an application today by 2pm to be considered for the SNS shipment.

Action Requested: Strategic National Stockpile Order Process

This email was sent to long-term care facilities, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The State Emergency Operations Center has notified Wisconsin Department of Health Services that the final allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is available for distribution.

These supplies include N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, hoods, gowns, coveralls, and gloves.

The following groups are eligible to receive PPE resources from the SNS supply:

- Hospitals
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Long-term Care/Nursing facilities
- Skilled nursing facilities

Facilities/agencies that submit requests must meet all of the following criteria:

- Facility/agency supply is depleted or will be in one week,
- Shortage or depletion is impacting ability to ensure patient care and/or worker safety,
- Facility/agency has exhausted attempts to secure PPE from other sources, and
- Facility/agency has consistently implemented CDC strategies to optimize use of N95 respirators.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, hospitals must complete the COVID-19 Essential Elements of Information daily in EMResource.

DHS will use a Scarce Resource Decision Tree to determine to which agencies PPE will be allocated.

Please use this link to order PPE from the SNS:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5537797/Patient-Care-Provider-SNS-PPE-Request-3>

THIS ORDER NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY 2 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4/8.

PLEASE NOTE: These items are past their manufacturer-designated shelf life. They may not be used in surgical settings. FDA has provided an emergency use authorization that allows these resources to be used for this purpose. **Due to scarcity of resources, you will not receive your full order.**

Please do not respond to this email. Additional information about COVID-19 is available at the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) website.

Hope you are doing well despite the unusual circumstances.

Best,

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Personal Protective Equipment
Update from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
Last Updated: April 6, 2020, 11:15

An important tool for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 is the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by workers who come into close contact with respiratory secretions of symptomatic and/or infected persons. Unfortunately, PPE is in critical short supply throughout the nation. This document outlines our procurement and distribution efforts to date.

Procurement

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is procuring PPE for distribution to local partners through the following mechanisms:

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)**—A Federal program that provides PPE to states based on a population formula. Wisconsin's population accounts for 1.7% of the SNS.
- **Governor's PPE Buy Back Program:** On March 26, Governor Evers announced a PPE Buy Back or Donation program. Persons who would like to sell or donate PPE via this program can contact the state via the following website: <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations>.

The Program has worked with 116 donors: 107 of these donations were offering small amounts of PPE, including items like gowns, hand sanitizer, gloves, surgical masks, toilet paper, N95 masks, and thermometer probe covers and were directed to local recipients. Nine of the donors provided N95 masks, surgical masks, gloves, gowns that were accepted at the state warehouse.

In addition, the team has been contacted by 339 companies looking to sell PPE and other critical items. Of these, at least nearly 60 have been referred to the Emergency Procurement Team to explore direct procurement.

- **Direct Procurement:** SEOC Emergency Procurement Team also procures PPE directly through vendors. An important component of this work is to ascertain the validity of vendors, as numerous scams have been identified in the current environment of scarce resources. The Emergency Procurement Team has been actively procuring PPE and other critical items needed for the state's COVID-19 response since March 20th.

To date the team as entered into agreements to purchase approximately*:

- 2.2 million N95 masks
- 5.0 million medical masks
- 15,500 KN95 masks
- 46,300 boxes of gloves (100 per box)
- 337,000 face shields
- 5,500 gowns
- 5,000 coveralls

*** Most of these items are in process and have not been delivered to the warehouse**

The team is also working cooperatively with WEDC in identifying Wisconsin manufacturers that are retooling their operations to produce PPE.

Within each of these categories, total amounts to each requester was made based on requested need or a pro-rated amount per bed or county population and the number of COVID-19+ cases in their county.

Given the third shipment will be the last supply received through the SNS, a portion of that shipment (approximately 24%) will be held back to meet acute needs including, but not limited to, isolation facilities, alternate care sites, acute needs in high-risk congregate settings, and supporting state agencies. The remainder of the shipment will be distributed as follows:

- Around 45% will be sent to hospitals
- Around 25% will be sent to long-term care and skilled nursing facilities
- Around 15% will be sent to EMS and first responders
- Around 5% will be sent to medical examiners and coroners
- Around 5% will be sent to public safety workers

Non-Medical Agencies: Recognizing that public safety agencies (such as law enforcement, fire departments, and others) did not receive supplies from the SNS, a distribution was made to each county or tribe's emergency manager on April 4, 2020. Quantities were determined by a combination of each county's stated need and a population formula. The following supplies were allocated:

Items	Quantity
N95 Respirators	15,100
Surgical Masks	24,200
Coveralls	2,047
Gloves	33,600

What's Next?

As we move forward, we will be distributing supplies that we have procured through the donation/buy-back program or procurement on a regular basis to agencies throughout the state. A system that outlines the process will be shared with all eligible parties the week of April 6th.

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie
Subject: What have you done for COVID 19 Joan Arnold

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: stimulus check

Dear Marie,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns about the federal CARES Act that was passed in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate you reaching out to share your situation and ask your questions.

As a state senator, I did not play a role in the development of this federal legislation. Therefore, I would recommend that you contact your representatives in Washington D.C. to inquire why the legislation was drafted in this particular way and why your older children are not covered under the package. Senator Tammy Baldwin can be reached at 202-224-5653 or you can email her office [here](#). Senator Ron Johnson can be reached at 202-224-5323 or you can email his office [here](#).

I apologize that I cannot be of more immediate assistance and hope that you are staying safe and healthy.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Alden, Marie L <Marie.Alden@bellin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 10:00 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: stimulus check

April 7, 2020

Dear Senator Testin:

I have some concerns about the stimulus. I have three children, ages 20, 19 and 15. The two older children were college students in 2019; we claimed them on our 2019 taxes. I checked with my accountant and it seems that neither of them are eligible for the stimulus. We as parents will not get any extra stimulus for them either.

It seems as if the population of young adults ages 17-23 have been missed as part of this stimulus. My oldest child is working part time, laid off for 2 weeks, and now is back to work. I really feel this stimulus would have benefited him to help with auto repairs, living expenses etc. My 19 year old daughter could have used this money to pay her portion of tuition that was not covered by student loans.

Thank you for your time and service to our communities.

Marie Alden

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Thank you!

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V/r
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Best,
Chris

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To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Dear xxx,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns about the effect COVID-19 is having on child care in the state and your recommendations for legislative action. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

There are currently ongoing discussions with members of the Legislature and the administration on potential legislation at the state level to deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. Legislation is in development and I will be sure to convey your recommendations to my colleagues and keep your suggestions in mind as I evaluate any legislation that comes forward.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help keep Wisconsin's children safe and cared for during this uncertain time. I appreciate you contacting me and communicating your and your industry's perspective.

Sincerely,

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From: Patience Turner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Sen. Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support the early care and education workforce on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic.

Patrick Testin,

My name is Patience Turner. I am a Head Teacher at Little Scholars Childcare and Preschool in Stevens Point.

I'm writing today to ask you to support the early care and education professionals in our state. Early care and education has been urged to stay open under the "Safer at Home" order, to prepare to welcome the children of essential workers and to stand in the front line of this pandemic. This overlooked, under-funded, fragile field that has always been the workforce behind our state's workforce, is now called to meet this urgent growing need. Still a driver of

our economy, child care is now also the backbone to our state's response to COVID19; how can essential workers provide health care and other emergency services without it? Early care and education programs must be financially supported now and in the future so that they are able to continue to serve Wisconsin families. Here's what we are asking you to support:

1. A not less than \$250/week "essential child care worker payment", or hazard payment, over and above regular pay to serve as an incentive to recruit providers and support their valuable service.
2. Health care coverage for early childhood educators and child care providers who, often without adequate health insurance, are putting their own well-being in jeopardy in order to continue to care for children. Keep in mind that NO young child abides by physical distancing, and young children are NOT immune to the virus. While symptoms in children generally seem to be milder, they spread the virus in the same way adults do. And unfortunately, the first infant death due to COVID-19 was just reported on Sunday, March 29.
3. A temporary "license-exempt" status for an early childhood educator going into an essential worker's home to care for their children in the event that the essential worker qualifies for Wisconsin Shares as a financial support for child care payment.
4. Grants to child care programs, based on March 1, 2020 enrollment, to make up for lost revenue and increased expenses as they ensure continued care for essential worker families and/or have temporarily closed due to COVID19.

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We are depending on you to prioritize the health and well-being of early educators and the early care and education sector, so they can do the important work our state requires of them right now.

Sincerely, Patience Turner

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Testin, Patrick; Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

What should we convey to Becky?

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From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

Hi Natalie,

I was hoping to follow up with you/Patrick about what the Republican leadership has come out with what is at least their initial COVID-19 legislation.

Our program is currently closed here at UWSP. In surveying our families, only approx. 10 children would return if we were to reopen right now. I have spoken with both Ministry and Ascension HR and they have both indicated that their employees have not indicated an unmet need for child care. I have spoken with our local child care resource and referral agency along with DCF regarding the surveys that were sent out to determine child care needs. Both have indicated there is not an unmet need in our area currently. This is all great news, but my question at this time is what is the thinking of how programs like ours here are to proceed through this pandemic?

Since closing due to COVID-19, we have not been charging our families anything! We are still expensing fulltime staff salaries and benefits, which for us is roughly \$9,000/week. Without state or federal support to offset this cost we face the possibility of not being able to reopen which is would unfortunate for our community as we already lack in having many high quality programs. I am looking for some direction behind the thought process on the state level regarding this? Should we be charging families the regular amount through this? Should we only charge them a reduced amount to cover our expenses? Should we not be paying staff and laying them off instead?

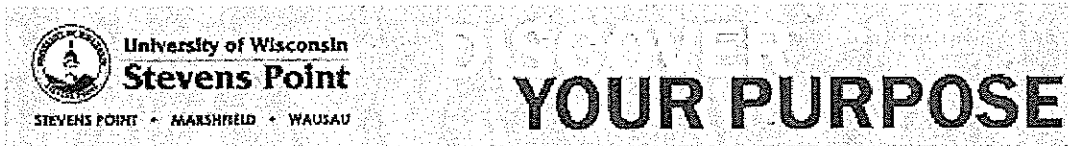
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Thank you,

Becky L. Helf

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Subject: RE: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19

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Becky,

I shared your email with Sen. Testin and he asked me to send you the following we received from DCF this morning.

"Dear Legislators,

Providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a [request for care](#) through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new [child care map](#).

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the [DCF COVID-19 Child Care webpage](#).

We ask that you please spread the word about the website and the map in your communities to our essential workforce families in need of child care."

Please know that discussions are ongoing amongst Legislators and state agencies during this time and that Sen. Testin will keep your concerns and suggestions that you expressed in mind.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Best,

Natalie Aicher

Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Helf, Becky <bhelf@uwsp.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Rep.Shankland <Rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Snyder <Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mark Tyler <MarkT@oemfab.com>
Subject: Support for WI's ECE programs amid COVID-19
Importance: High

Good morning,

Sorry to be bothering you all on a Sunday, perhaps you are first reading this Monday. I am curious what **discussions/considerations are being had at the state level to address the struggles ALL child care programs in WI are currently facing whether open or closed.** Below are links to what is/will be done in Vermont and Minnesota.

https://vtdigger.org/2020/03/27/to-save-child-care-sector-during-crisis-vermont-promises-to-cover-tuition/?fbclid=IwAR3xpBG6CpbzGDjibsaxqCqpsQru_3SiG8-V8OkEQtQZayNyDb3Q6bmRNNk

<https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2020/03/its-a-start-how-the-legislatures-covid-19-bill-aims-to-help-minnesota-child-care-providers/>

I am concerned about the children, families, and ECE staff in our state staying safe and healthy and reducing community spread of the virus, while their families in essential roles are needed to work to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to encourage families to follow these restrictions (as the current language of encouraging essential workers ONLY is not strong enough) much more direct communication/expectations from the state and DCF is needed. Furthermore, to ensure the viability of childcare programs during this time and the workforce to return we need the following:

- Full or subsidized partial payment for every child that is not attending that is normally enrolled to deter non-essential workers drop off
- OR expand to all children receive subsidized partial payments
- All regulated and legally operating childcares need to be eligible, not just those participating in Youngstar

If we don't receive full or partial payments, then if/when we are able to reopen there will be large increases in tuition and fees to make up for the debt incurred, which will hurt any economic recovery going forward. If all providers are not included, then those who don't receive any sort of subsidy will not enforce the rules and community spread will not be slowed they will just take the excess children who could be staying at home with a household member.

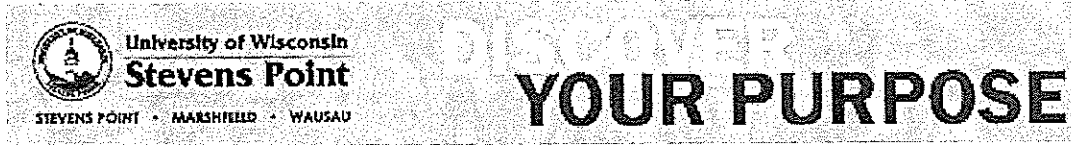
With that, what is Wisconsin doing?

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Becky L. Helf

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WI Child Care Administrator's Association President, 2017-2019
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: Small Business Emergency Loans for Corona closure

Dear Priscilla,

Thank you for reaching out to let me know about the current situation with your small business. These are difficult times for everyone, and I can't imagine the stresses you are going through.

The Legislature is continuing to get briefings about the options available for small businesses during this time. At this point, the best resource we are aware of are those included at the following webpage: <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/>. Some of these you may already be aware of.

The State of Wisconsin received disaster declaration for the U.S. Small Business Administration, which opens up the opportunity for small businesses to apply for low interest loans through the federal government.

WEDC does have SB/2020 grants available, but these are limited to businesses with certain qualifications, such as having less than 20 employees, etc. More information about these grants in particular can be found on the webpage.

I would encourage you to continue to monitor the WEDC Coronavirus Response page, as it will continue to be updated as additional resources are identified at the state and federal levels. The federal stimulus package was recently signed into law and included funds for small businesses, and it is likely that more information will be made available on the WEDC site soon.

Please know I am very aware of the struggles that the small businesses are facing in my district and across the state and nation. I will continue to do what I can at the state level to mitigate the damage that these circumstances have laid before us.

Thank you for contacting me and please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Priscilla Schmidt <paschmidt@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Small Business Emergency Loans for Corona closure

Good Afternoon:

Can you please give me information on the access of loans for operating expenses during this period? I.e., businesses closed due to State order, and the access to loans to pay rent, utilities, mortgage, etc.

It seems that the \$ given by Congress are tied to payroll. So, if a small business with a Sole Proprietor has expenses, where do they go?

Also, I am a home agent, and I have been working fulltime, and am now cut to 1 day per week. I still need to pay my cable, phone, etc. and mortgage, utilities, insurances, etc. What are my options for access to grant/loans?

Thank for any information you can give.

Priscilla Schmidt
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: FW: proposed bill

Kathy,

Thank you for giving me the update. Please know that I am well aware how much businesses are struggling and will continue working with my colleagues to deliver what relief is possible at the state level.

The majority of loans/grants/programs that have been available at this point are all from the federal government. Those that were made available through the federal CARES Act can be viewed here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>. More options at the state level will be added to <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/covid-19-response/> when they are identified and become available.

One that may be of particular interest with the Small Business Administration is the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provides loan forgiveness to retain employees for small businesses who meet the qualifications.

I apologize that I cannot be of more immediate assistance, but conversations are continuing between the Legislature and the administration on what relief we can provide through the state. I will be sure to keep your small business close in mind as I evaluate any proposals that come forward.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin
24th Senate District
(608) 266-3123

From: Kathy Johnson <kathy.johnson@sunsetpointwinery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: proposed bill

Dear Senator Testin,

I got wind that there might be another bill signed tomorrow for more financial help. I hope this is true and becomes available ASAP. As a small business owner and manager, we are struggling. I also am a BOD of the SP Downtown Business Alliance. All the businesses downtown are hurting right now. They all have rent to pay, or mortgages and other bills., almost all have had to shut down or lay off 99% of employees. None to date, have been accepted for any type of loans or grants, some don't qualify. We need some life line, that will be able to help all of us.

We have Thousands of dollars that need to be paid in the next month for the juices that we ordered in January to get ready for the tourism season. These companies expect to get paid. I have had to lay off all employees as we are only open a few days and we are at about 90% loss of sales. People are not shopping out as the SAFE AT HOME was enacted. As it should be.

As the manager of the business, I personally have volunteered my time since we opened our doors in July of 2015. However, my husband had to be laid off. We now have no income Unemployment has not shown up yet and is a fraction of what he bought home prior to COVID19.

Our business to date has not received any notification of loans or grants that we have applied for. So, we cannot bring back staff until we know we can pay them. We have wine that needs to be made.

I also personally still have to pay my own bills at home. I was able to get a few loans deferred but only for 2 months, so come June I will have to come up with the money for payment. I understand that almost all people need help and the programs are trying to work, but I don't see things moving fast enough. I know that the SBA site has changed the form 3 times, their site crashed for days and we got caught in each of those incidents. So filled out the forms 3 times. We need your help to move forward.

WE NEED more access to grants and forgivable loans so the SMALL businesses can get back to work as small businesses make up the majority of the work force in America.

WE NEED a LIFE LINE!

Sincerely,

Kathy Johnson

Manager

Sunset Point Winery

Cheers!

Kathy Johnson

Sunset Point Winery

1201 Water St.

Stevens Point, WI 54481

715-544-1262

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Brooks, Kyle; Johnson, Jesse
Subject: Fort McCoy Citation

Hi Kyle and Jesse,

I hope you guys are doing well! I wanted to touch base regarding the Fort McCoy citation for the Army's birthday. Unfortunately, they will not be having the in-person celebration any longer on the 23rd, but we are going to complete a citation and mail it to Chris for them to have.

Will either of you be in the office on Monday/Tuesday next week for me to get the citation stamped? Or will you be in any other days?

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Emerson, James; Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE
Attachments: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE.pdf; FDA cert 2.jpg; FDA Cert.jpg; IMG_2242[2].JPG; NIOSH-42 shisha[2].pdf

Importance: High

Pat & Jim,

Do we have any contacts we would like to put Neil in contact with? Do we want to share those in the District and then check with DHS after?

Best,

From: Neil Denny Jr <Neil.Denny@chemsearchfe.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: IMPORTANT FACE MASK UPDATE
Importance: High

Dear Senator Testin,

Not sure if you remember me from when you attended a few of our Eagle Scout Ceremonies in Plover, WI over the years while I was Scoutmaster of Troop 201 of St. Bronislava Parish.

The reason I am reaching out to you today is that I work for the Chemsearch Division of NCH Corp. We are a family owned 100 year old chemical manufacturer headquartered in Irving, TX. The company has put our resources to work to help local reps, such as myself a 31 year resident of Plover, provide our customers, local communities and State level departments access to much sought after PPE masks during this truly trying time for our communities. We just maxed out the 1.5 million masks we have arriving soon but I just found out that my company has ordered another shipment that is scheduled to arrive the week of April 27th. I have attached the important certification information on the KN-95 masks mentioned in attached info sheet. Please reference the email below for more information.

A few local communities have reached out to me placing orders but I thought contacting you may help get the word out to a broader group of contacts at the State and local level. Not sure the best way to do this since I have not approached things this way before. If you can provide me some direction on who to contact I can take it from there. By no means am I looking for an endorsement or anything special, just a nudge in the right direction to get to the appropriate points of contact if you are able.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Neil I. Denny Jr.
Facility Reliability Specialist
34 Years of Service
ChemsearchFE, NCH Corp.
cell 715-498-3704
neil.denny@chemsearchfe.com

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(This is the email I have been sending to customers and I am happy to say we have been able to help many local businesses get set up to receive these important items.)

Good afternoon ,

Please forward if needed.

I received an email late yesterday from our Safety and Maintenance Supply catalogue division.
As an important customer of mine I wanted to pass this information on to you. **Both these masks are FDA Certified and NIOSH tested and certified.**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

We are getting a supply of the KN95 and 3-Ply 95% filtration face masks (see attached) in the week of April 27th
We are taking orders now that will be filled First IN / First OUT while this shipment supply lasts.

This is a time sensitive notification, please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these items.

I just received this info... you can mix and match between the 2 masks to reach the minimum 'BOX' order as listed on the attached info sheet.

The 3-Ply 95% filtration masks are...
\$0.649 each in a case of 2,000 = \$1,299.95 per case
\$0.70 each in a box of 50 = \$34.95 per box

The KN95 masks are...
\$2.99995 each in a case of 1,000 = \$2,999.95 per case
\$3.1975 each in a box of 20 per box = \$63.95 box

Let me know,
Thank you,

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Neil I. Denny Jr.

Water Treatment Specialist

33 Years of Service

ChemsearchFE, H2O Solutions

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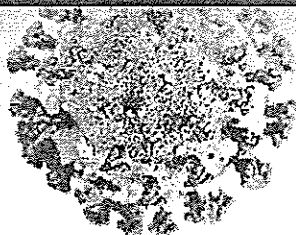
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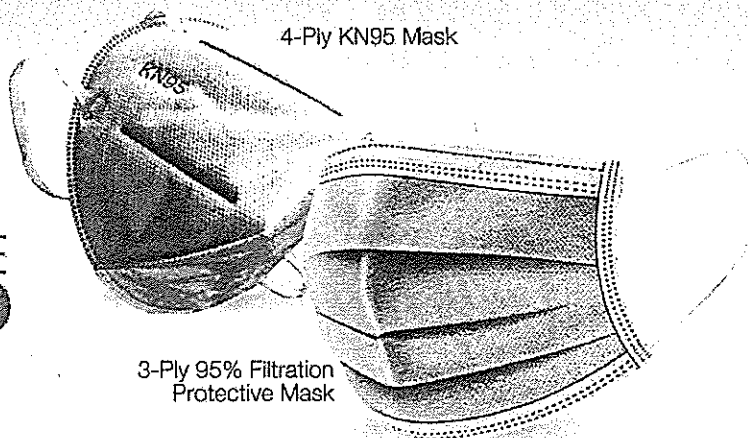
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UPDATE: Two disposable face masks are being added to our stock at the Irving distribution center. They are available to our customers for personal protection during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Receipt of stock is expected the week of April 27th.

Masks are available in box and case quantities.

- Orders will be limited to available stock. First in, first out.
- **BOX** orders: **Minimum order \$500**
- **CASE** orders: **No minimum**
- **NO PRODUCT RETURN** accepted.
- Item codes: **12087118 | 12087133 | 12087120 | 12087134**

Contact Neil Denny at 715-498-3704 or neil.denny@chemsearchfe.com for More info or to place your order. **More details also on next page.**
Let ChemsearchFE help you help your staff and occupants.
Don't miss out and place your order as soon as possible.



NIOSH-42 CFR PART 84 TEST REPORT

For

Protective Face Mask

Model: KN95

Brand: N/A

Report No.: ENC2003111GZ56E1

Date of Issue: Aug.02.2019

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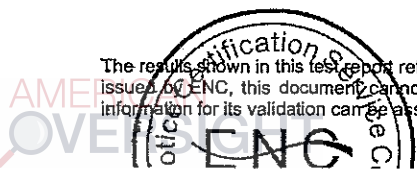
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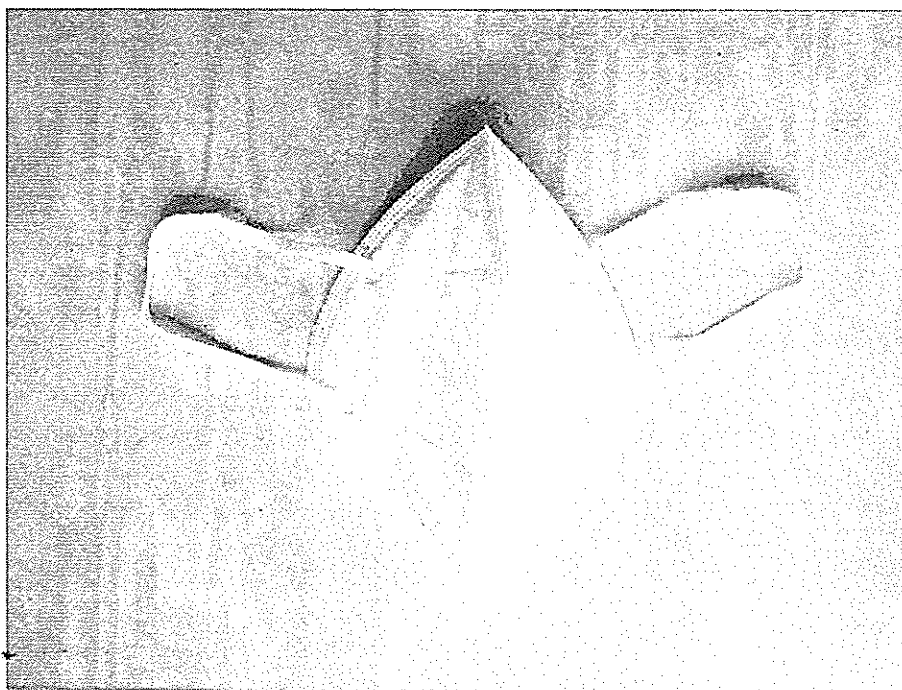
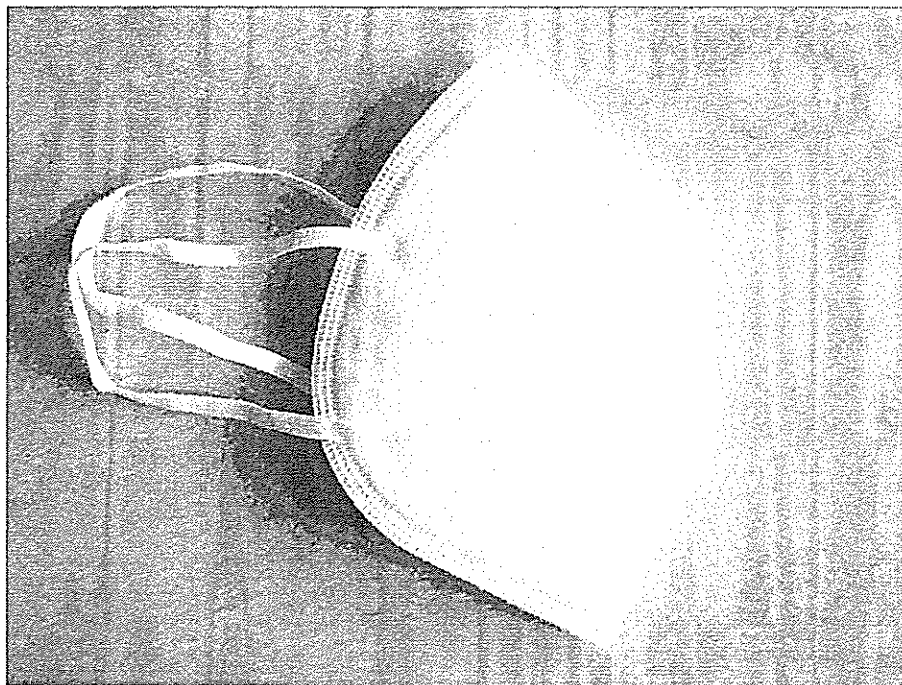


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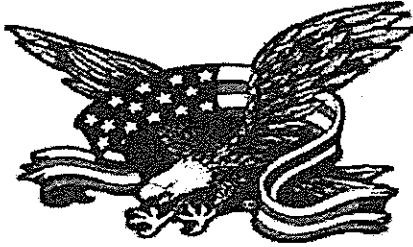
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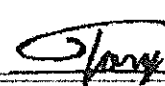
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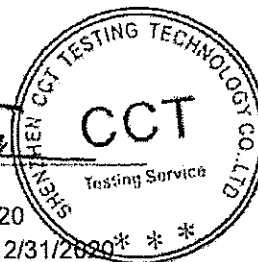
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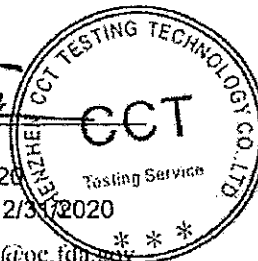
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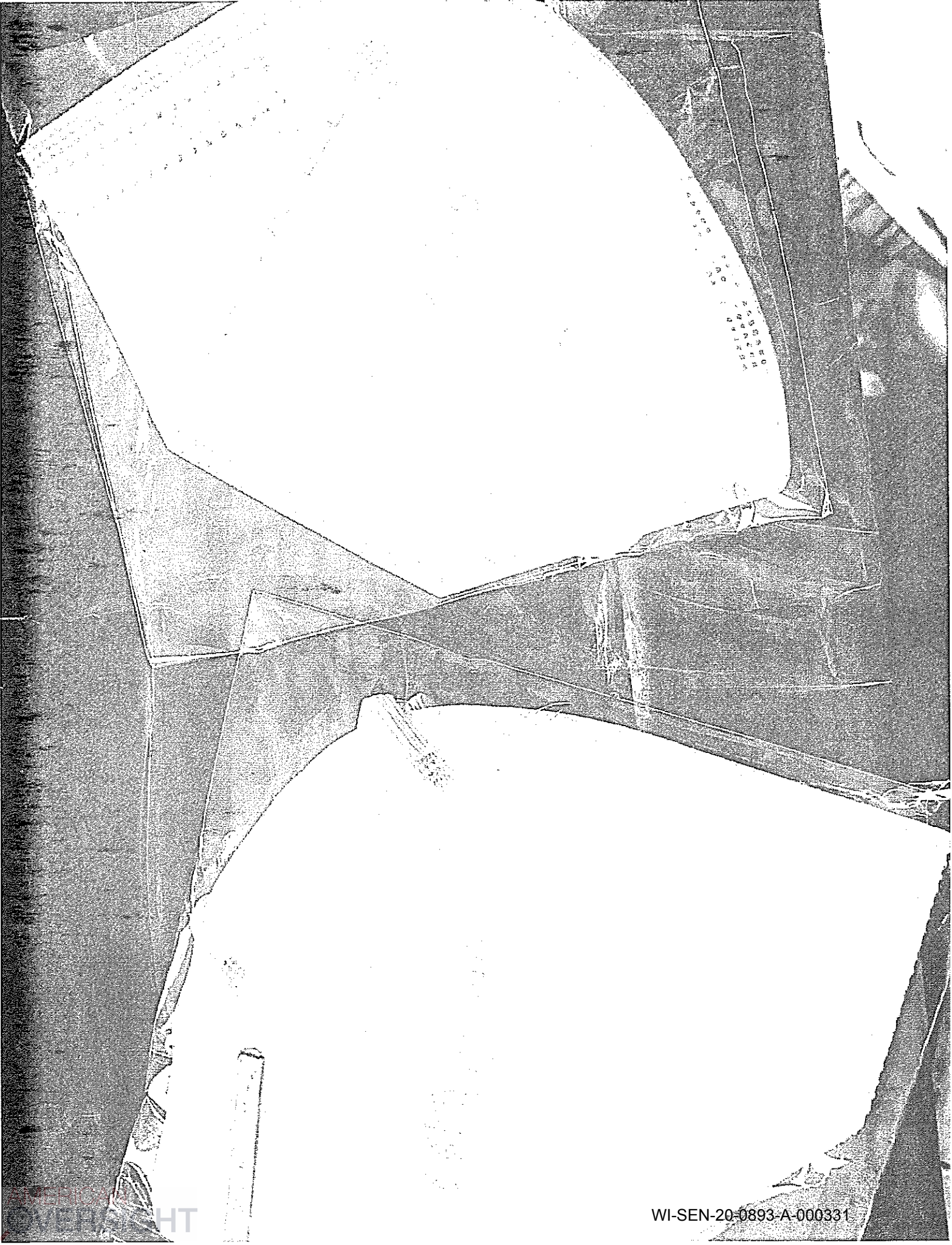
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Johnson, Jesse
Subject: RE: Fort McCoy Citation

Jesse,

We could do that and I can check with Chris— or I could ship it to Nancy and have her take it to Fort McCoy or have her coordinate with Chris to get it to them?

Whichever works best.

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
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From: Johnson, Jesse <Jesse.Johnson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Brooks, Kyle <Kyle.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Fort McCoy Citation

Hi Natalie,

You too. I'm not planning to be around. Chris could get it to Nancy in the district for her to sign. She could put it together there too before it gets presented. Sure Chris would be happy to do that. Is that a decent option for you?

Thanks.

Jesse

From: Brooks, Kyle <Kyle.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Johnson, Jesse <Jesse.Johnson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Fort McCoy Citation

Hi Natalie,

Hope you're doing well too. Thanks for following up about this citation. I personally won't be in those days unfortunately.

Best,

Kyle

From: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Brooks, Kyle <Kyle.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Johnson, Jesse <Jesse.Johnson@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Aicher, Natalie

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To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: Call List April 10th

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Phone:
Message: Spring Election
- 5) Sherry Fay
Phone:
Message: 715-824-5075
- 6) Bob Worden
Phone: 715-340-0698
Message: Spring Election
- 7) Jeanette Wilson
Phone: 715-335-6581
Message: Spring Election
- 8) Rev. Jane Johnson
Phone: 715-544-4082
Message: Spring Election
- 9) Lorry Erickson
Phone: 608-378-3014
Message: Spring Election
- 10) Michael Juris
Phone: 715-824-3829 or 715-824-5524
Message: Spring Election

11) Tanya Burrows
Phone: 715-228-2212
Message: Spring Election

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
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Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: FW: Call List April 10th

Pat here is the updated list. We had some added from Jeff from the voicemail this morning.

From: Aicher, Natalie
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To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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- 9) Michael Juris
Phone: 715-824-3829 or 715-824-5524
Message: Spring Election
- 10) Tanya Burrows
Phone: 715-228-2212
Message: Spring Election
- 11) Brad Hillestad (tomah)
Phone: 217-521-1920
Message: wants the legislature to challenge Evers more. Jeff thought it would be a good call
- 12) Brian Biga, Stevens Point
Phone: 715-252-1195
Message: Left voicemail. Called Gov. Non-Essential and says he should be arrested
- 13) Jenny Riegenbach
Phone: 414-315-0906
Message: Left a message; voted absentee with no problem, wanted your take on some other issues going on in the state.

Best,

Natalie Aicher
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Emerson, James
Subject: RE: elections and public safety

I think that should work for him just fine.

Natalie Aicher
Committee Clerk
Office of Senator Patrick Testin
Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: elections and public safety

Nat:

Very minimal changes. Just what's in red. Any suggestions?

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding your concerns with the April 7th election proceeding as scheduled. I do understand that the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic have cast uncertainty on many aspects of our daily lives. However, please allow me to explain the timeline events and why it is important for our election to proceed as scheduled, especially this late in the process.

Since the beginning of the Public Health Emergency, Governor Evers had been steadfast on his desire to continue moving forward with a traditional spring election. Up until March 27th, legislators, municipal leaders and all Wisconsinites were told that the election would continue as normal. The administration continued to update legislators about preparations that were being done to ensure safety at the polls and assured that it was moving forward without issue.

An article published as late as March 26th in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel included the following quote, "Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and top Republican lawmakers have found rare common ground in contending the election should stay on schedule."

The election date is written in statute and holding the election on the designated date ensures that those elected to office are serving the term they were elected for and not overstepping it. No matter the candidate, it is extremely important for our democracy that elected officials serve the term they were elected for, including those who will be newly elected following the election. It had been refreshing that the Legislature and the Governor's office were able to agree on this. It should be pointed out, the Spring Election, with the exception of the Presidential primary, is a non-partisan election.

Therefore, it was a surprise when the next day on March 27th, there appeared to be a sudden change in approach. The Governor unexpectedly urged the Legislature to quickly reconvene and make drastic changes to our election process, requiring every registered Wisconsin voter to be sent an absentee ballot only ten days prior to the election date. Many wondered why this couldn't have been discussed with the Legislature much earlier.

With that announcement, many flags were raised with my local municipal clerks and those around the state. The logistics associated with mailing a ballot to each registered voter would certainly be too much to accomplish given the time frame. Not only was it less than two weeks from the election, but there were already reported shortages of envelopes, ballots, and manpower.

Furthermore, there would have been a significant amount of wasted resources on this proposal. Of 3.3 million registered voters in Wisconsin, only 2.2 million voted in the 2016 presidential election. Mailing ballots to every one of those 3.3 million voters would be extremely costly, creating a vast amount of wasted funds and blank ballots floating around. Therefore, the Legislature could not come to an agreement with the Governor on this proposal. I greatly preferred maintaining legitimacy in ballot distribution and favored putting the state funding towards mitigating the damage COVID-19 has had on our state's workforce, assisting unemployed workers and struggling businesses.

Despite the rejection of this proposal, it appeared the election was set to move forward smoothly. More people requested absentee ballots than the total votes cast in the 2019 Spring Primary and 2012 Presidential Primary. That was reassuring that with the preparations and safety guidelines being implemented at polling places, there would be relief for the poll workers on numbers of in-person voters.

Then on April 3rd, the Friday before the election, the Governor announced he was calling for a Special Session on the proposal to conduct the election entirely by mail and mail every registered voter an absentee ballot – a proposal the Legislature had already rejected. With over one million ballots already requested and over half a million already cast, the duplicate ballots being sent out and wasted resources would be astronomical. Furthermore, it was requested that that the Legislature allow ballots to be returned until May 19th, opening up a significant window for the integrity of the election to be put into question.

Moving the date of the election was not something the administration endorsed until the day before the election and would result in obstructing the enforcement of proper election terms and an excess of wasted resources that could go towards COVID-19 relief for Wisconsinites.

Election officials and municipal clerks from around the state have been working around the clock and are confident that safety can be maintained for poll workers and voters and have urged for the election to continue as scheduled so their tireless work will not be in vain. Absentee ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and are received by April 13th will be counted to account for any delay in delivery. The National Guard is on hand to assist polling places with staffing and a variety of public health safety measures have been put in place for poll workers and those who must vote on Election Day.

I certainly understand that Election Day this year will be different and understand your concerns with the circumstances that COVID-19 has presented to us. However, as I said earlier, it is important that despite the circumstances we are currently in, that the staple of our democracy continue. This is not about partisanship, it is about ensuring that our democratic process is maintained.

I believe that voting is an essential service and should be available to those who were not able to vote absentee prior to Election Day. Preservation of our democracy is more essential than Wal-Mart, the liquor store, and take-out. Presidential Candidate Joe Biden agreed with the necessity of keeping the election saying, "We cannot let this, we've never allowed any crisis from the Civil War straight through to the pandemic of ... 16, we have never, never let our democracy takes(sic) second fiddle. We can both have a Democracy and Elections and at the same time correct the public health."

I understand that you may disagree with the election continuing as scheduled, but I hope that this was able to shed some light on why it could not be delayed. Please know that I will continue to work with my colleagues, as well as the administration to ensure that Wisconsin prevails through the difficult challenges that COVID-19 has created. I hope that you continue to stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Sen. Patrick Testin

From: Phil Neff [pneff10@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Sen.Testin
Subject: elections and public safety

Dear Sen.Testin,

Please remind your Republican colleagues that if there is a large spike in Wisconsin Covid 19 cases in the next 5 to 20 days we the voters will remind our neighbors of the Republican leadership's consideration for the health of Wisconsin citizens when they refused to consider any changes in election rules. I will remember & I will remind everyone I come across how the Republicans cared more about their power than the health and lives of the citizens of Wisconsin. This was a defining moment in the character and duty to citizens of Wisconsin and they failed. I will remember and I always vote.

Please remember you were elected to represent the interests and welfare of the citizens who elected you. Please do what is right for the welfare of our district, for the welfare of our state, and not only what serves the interests of those in power. I am unsure how we have arrived at the level of tribal partisanship being promoted by Mr. Voss and Mr. Steineke, but I implore you to escape a perspective that sacrifices the long term good and harmony of our beloved Wisconsin for current political power.

Phil Neff Plover, WI

Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:17 PM
To: 'Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RD (USA)'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Chris,

I will mail it to you, likely on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The one issue that we have is that Rep. VanderMeer was unable to sign the citation before the order went in to effect. I can still mail you the completed citation and plaque, but Rep. VanderMeer's signature line will be blank.

Jesse in Rep. VanderMeer's office inquired whether Rep. VanderMeer would be able to sign it at a later date after it had been shipped to you.

Do you think this would be a possibility?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RD (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 7:39 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Hi Natalie,

Thank you for your quick reply.

Yes, unfortunately, the actual event is cancelled as none of our senior leaders are able to travel for non-essential reasons. I appreciate your offer to mail it. My suggestion would be to mail it to my home as I am teleworking right now and for the foreseeable future:

11788 Goodwater Avenue
Sparta, WI 54656

If that won't work, please let me know.

Thank you again for everything. We are disappointed that everything has happened and we cannot celebrate this year. Hopefully next year things will be back to normal!

Thank you again!

V/r
Chris

Very Respectfully,

Mr. Christopher R. Hanson
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-----Original Message-----

From: Aicher, Natalie [mailto:Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RD (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>; Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Phillips, Cheryl D CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <cheryl.d.phillips3.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

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Good Afternoon Chris,

I can have the citation (Citation of Commendation & Congratulations on a wooden plaque) shipped to you, since it seems unlikely that the Senator would be able to gather with you all for a birthday party with the stay-at-home Executive Order in effect. If you could send me a good address, I will make sure that it arrives to Fort McCoy on time. Will you be celebrating on that day? Am I correct to assume that the April event has been canceled/postponed?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RD (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Phillips, Cheryl D CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <cheryl.d.phillips3.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Hi Natalie and Jeff,

I know with the world kind of upside down right now, this may have gotten put on the back burner. But I wanted to reach out and verify. Do you know if the proclamation was ever presented and acted on? The Army Reserve birthday is April 23.

Thank you!

Stay safe...

V/r
Chris

Very Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 9:05 AM
To: 'Aicher, Natalie' <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Certainly! Here you go.

Best,
Chris

Very Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Aicher, Natalie [Caution-mailto:Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 9:03 AM

To: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

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Good Morning Chris,

I would love to put something together. It does not look like the attachments from your original email came through when Jeff forwarded your email. Would you be able to share those and any information about Fort McCoy that you would like included in the citation?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:41 AM
Cc: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Natalie,

Please let me know if you or Senator Testin have any questions.

Thanks!

Best,
Chris

Very Respectfully,

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From: Schultz, Jeff
[Caution-Caution-mailto:Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>
Cc: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

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Chris,

Thank you for the request. I'm passing your e-mail on to Natalie, who handles citations in our office.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schultz
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(608) 266-3123

-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Christopher R CIV USARMY 88 RSC (USA) <christopher.r.hanson2.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Johnson, Jesse <Jesse.Johnson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Brooks, Kyle <Kyle.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schultz, Jeff <Jeff.Schultz@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Army Reserve Birthday Proclamation

Gentlemen,

With the U.S. Army Reserve Birthday coming up, we are wondering if Sen. Testin and Rep. Vandermeer would be interested in drafting proclamations for the Senate and Assembly marking the day. The Army Reserve sent some examples of federal versions that I have attached.

Would this be something you would be willing to discuss?

Thank you!

Best,
Chris

Very Respectfully,

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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:54 PM
To: 'Chai Moua'
Subject: RE: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request
Attachments: Letter to Secretary of State Pompeo on Reported Hmong Laotian Policies.pdf

Good Afternoon Chai,

I hope you are doing well. Senator Testin asked that I follow up and share this letter that he signed onto with several of his colleagues.

Have a nice weekend.

Best,

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

That works. Have him call me on my cell phone at 715-303-8898.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 4:02 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

We could likely do a 9:30am-10am call on Friday. Will that work with you? If so, what number should I have Sen. Testin call?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Natalie,

Would sometime on Friday work?

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:36 PM Aicher, Natalie <Natalie.Aicher@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Chai,

I apologize for the delay. Our office has been undergoing an adjustment in scheduling during this uncertain time. Sen. Testin would very much like to meet with you regarding the concerns of your community. Due to the current issues with COVID-19, would it be possible to set up a call between you and the Senator for later this week?

Best,

Natalie Aicher

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From: Chai Moua <cmoua@freedom-inc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Hmong Deportation Meeting Request

Good evening Sen. Testin,

Thank you for replying to my message. I would love to set up a meeting with you so I can share with you some concerns our community has with this recent news of deportation in our Hmong community. This is an issue that I have been following and organizing on for many years now. There are many among your constituents that are directly impacted by this issue.

As my senator, I want to share these stories with you and talk about different opportunities that you may be able to help us with. Please let me know when would be a good time for us to meet. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Ntxhais Chai Moua

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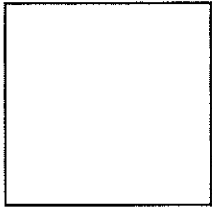
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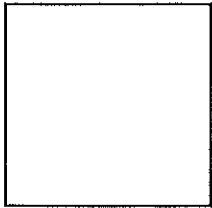
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Aicher, Natalie

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Testin, Patrick
Subject: RE: Call List April 10th

Sorry there was one more I missed – meant to take off Angela Berger since we couldn't find her number and accidentally took off Sherry Fay:

- 1) Sherry Fay
Phone: 715-824-5075
Message: Spring election

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Call List April 10th

Pat here is the updated list. We had some added from Jeff from the voicemail this morning.

From: Aicher, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Testin, Patrick <Patrick.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Call List April 10th

Pat –

Here is the call list.

- 1) Scott Roberts
Phone: 715-592-6697
Message: Called regarding spring election
- 2) Steve Bjella
Phone: 715-572-0473
Message: Called regarding spring election
- 3) Rex Oehlhof
Phone: 715-697-3828
Message: disabled but works and has been blocked from receiving UI – a call would be helpful
- 4) Angela Berger
Phone:
Message: Spring Election
- 5) Bob Worden

Phone: 715-340-0698
Message: Spring Election

- 6) Jeanette Wilson
Phone: 715-335-6581
Message: Spring Election
- 7) Rev. Jane Johnson
Phone: 715-544-4082
Message: Spring Election
- 8) Lorry Erickson
Phone: 608-378-3014
Message: Spring Election
- 9) Michael Juris
Phone: 715-824-3829 or 715-824-5524
Message: Spring Election
- 10) Tanya Burrows
Phone: 715-228-2212
Message: Spring Election
- 11) Brad Hillestad (tomah)
Phone: 217-521-1920
Message: wants the legislature to challenge Evers more. Jeff thought it would be a good call
- 12) Brian Biga, Stevens Point
Phone: 715-252-1195
Message: Left voicemail. Called Gov. Non-Essential and says he should be arrested
- 13) Jenny Riegenbach
Phone: 414-315-0906
Message: Left a message; voted absentee with no problem, wanted your take on some other issues going on in the state.

Best,

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