

**ROLL CALL**  
**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE March 23, 2021 RESOLUTION # 136--2020-21

**Health and Human Services Committee. Support pending legislation that will establish more circumstances under which the Department of Health Services reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of Medical Assistance who resides in a nursing home.**

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MADE BY: Krueger

SECONDED BY: McCabe

DST	NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRES	ABSENT
1	Thompson	x				
2	Miller	x				
3	Renteria	x				
4	Patience	x				
5	Gabrielson	x				
6	Konetzke	x				
7	Hammen	x				
8	Nicholas Thyssen					x
9	Krueger	x				
10	Lamers	x				
11	Fallona	x				
12	McCabe	x				
13	Wegand					x
14	Jeremy Thyssen	x				
15	Peterson	x				
16	Schroeder	x				
17	Croatt	x				
18	Spears	x				

DST	NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRES	ABSENT
19	Marcks	x				
20	Thomas	x				
21	Travis Thyssen	x				
22	Hagen	x				
23	Klemp	x				
24	Iverson	x				
25	Nooyen	x				
26	Davidson	x				
27	Culbertson					x
28	Monfils	x				
29	Buchman	x				
30	Wuebben	x				
31	Clegg	x				
32	VanderHeiden	x				
33	O'Connor-Schevers	x				
34	Rettler	x				
35	Melchert	x				
36	Suprise	x				

AYE 33  
 NAY 0  
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 ABSENT 3  
 TOTAL 36

APPROVED x  
 DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 136—2020-21***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1           Currently, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to promulgate rules that  
2           establish which medical supplies and equipment are covered by Medical Assistance and  
3           Medicaid and under what conditions they will be reimbursed. Essentially, nursing home  
4           residents on medical assistance may not always have specialty adaptive devices, including  
5           some wheel chairs and power chairs covered by medical assistance.  
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7           There is pending legislation that will establish more circumstances under which DHS  
8           reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of  
9           Medical Assistance who resides in a nursing home. Specifically, the pending legislation  
10          requires DHS to reimburse a provider for complex rehabilitation technology that is  
11          provided to a recipient of Medical Assistance who is a resident of a nursing home when  
12          the complex rehabilitation technology will do any of the following:

- 13           • Contribute to the recipient's independent completion of daily living activities.
- 14           • Support the recipient's vocational, occupational, and psychosocial activities.
- 15           • Provide the recipient the independent ability to move about the nursing home, or to  
16           attain or retain self-care.
- 17           • Provide improved supportive equipment tailored to prevent skin breakdown and  
18           other injury for the individual.

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20          The pending legislation will help the residents of Brewster Village function to his or her  
21          highest practicable level, which is a nursing home requirement of the Centers for Medicare  
22          and Medicaid Services (CMS).  
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24          NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is presented by the Health and Human Services  
25          Committee to the County Board.

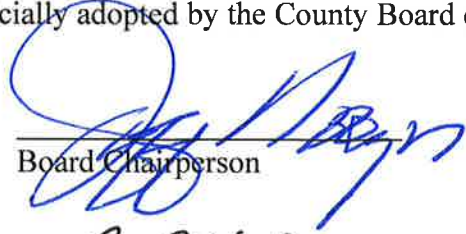

26          BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support pending  
27          legislation that will establish more circumstances under which the Department of Health Services  
28          reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of Medical  
29          Assistance who resides in a nursing home, and

30          BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of  
31          this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution  
32          to the State Senators and State Representatives representing Outagamie County and the Governor.

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Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: March 23, 2021

Signed:  Board Chairperson  
 County Clerk

Approved: 3.24.21 Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:   
County Executive



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1681/1  
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**2021 SENATE BILL 103**

February 11, 2021 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, COWLES, L. TAYLOR and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT, WICHGERS, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, MOSES, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN, TITTL, ROZAR and SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Licensing and Forestry.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 49.45 (9r) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** reimbursement of  
2             wheelchairs and power mobility devices for recipients of Medical Assistance  
3             who reside in a nursing home.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Department of Health Services is required to promulgate rules that establish which medical supplies and equipment are covered by Medical Assistance and under what conditions they will be reimbursed. This bill establishes more circumstances under which DHS reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of Medical Assistance who resides in a nursing home. Specifically, the bill requires DHS to reimburse a provider for complex rehabilitation technology that is provided to a recipient of Medical Assistance who is a resident of a nursing home when the complex rehabilitation technology will do any of the following:

1. Contribute to the recipient's independent completion of activities of daily living.
2. Support the recipient's vocational, occupational, and psychosocial activities.
3. Provide the recipient the independent ability to move about the nursing home, or to attain or retain self-care.

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**SENATE BILL 103**

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 49.45 (9r) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

2           49.45 (9r) (e) The department shall, consistent with this subsection and  
3 without imposing any additional requirements or restrictions under this subsection,  
4 reimburse a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology that is prescribed by  
5 a physician and used by a recipient of Medical Assistance who is a resident of a  
6 nursing home if the complex rehabilitation technology will do any of the following:

- 7           1. Contribute to the recipient's independent completion of activities of daily  
8 living.
- 9           2. Support the recipient's occupational, vocational, or psychosocial activities.
- 10           3. Provide the recipient the independent ability to move about the facility, or  
11 to attain or retain self-care.

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(END)



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0291/1  
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**2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 116**

February 24, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, WICHGERS, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, MOSES, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN, TITTL, ROZAR and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, COWLES, L. TAYLOR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Health.

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