

**COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE)
COMBINED LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE COMPARISON**

Agency	Provision	State Fiscal (biennium)	Legis
DHS	Flexible grant funds to support local public health agencies.	\$17 M GPR	No
	Sum sufficient GPR funding for general resources and position authority for DHS during a PHE.	Sum Sufficient	No
	Base-building additional 64 FTE at DPH.	\$10 million	No
	Waive requirement that DHS submit waivers and SPAs to Joint Finance for approval during a PHE.	No Impact	Modified
	Authorize DHS to suspend compliance with provisions of Medicaid statutes to satisfy criteria to qualify for an increased FMAP.	No Impact	Modified
	Increase supplemental payments to Medicaid providers to support the healthcare system's response to the public health emergency.	\$94 M GPR \$275 M AF	No
	Establish a fund to reduce providers' uncompensated care costs targeting reimbursement for treatment-related costs for uninsured individuals.	\$10 M GPR	Modified
	Provide grant funding to support emergency food bank operations.	\$10 M GPR	No
	Provide grant funding to support meal delivery programs and public-private partnerships (administered by DOA).	\$10 M GPR	No
	Expand the WisCaregiver program.	\$6.4 GPR \$12.8 M AF	No
	Authorize Wisconsin's SeniorCare program to cover all vaccinations.	None	Included
	Temporarily waive moratorium on hospital bed construction and providing flexibility on transfer of beds between hospitals, as well as out-of-state ambulance providers.	None	No
	Prohibit discriminatory actions based on COVID-19 diagnoses.	No Impact	Included

OCI	Require that insurers cover all telehealth services that would be covered were the services provided in-person.	No Impact	No
	During a PHE, no insurer may cancel a policy for non-payment of premium until at least 90 days after the premium was due.	No Impact	No
	Mandate coverage for testing, diagnosis, treatment, prescriptions, and vaccines related to COVID-19.	No Impact	Modified (only testing)
	Prohibit cost-sharing and prior authorization for testing, diagnosis, treatment, prescriptions, and vaccines related to COVID-19.		
	Mandate coverage for out-of-network care directly related to COVID-19 and services disrupted or routed out-of-network due to COVID-19.	No Impact	Modified (225% reimb)
	Provide that insurers will reimburse providers for out-of-network care (including telehealth) as specified at a rate of 250% Medicare rates.		
	Out-of-state physicians and NAs qualify for med-mal liability coverage during a public health emergency.	No Impact	Included
	Prohibit insurers from requiring prior authorization or imposing quantity limitations below a 90 days supply during a PHE.	No Impact	Included
	Target excess funds from the Wisconsin Health Insurance Stability Plan (WHISP) to defray costs associated with covering COVID-19-related services and reduce health insurance premiums.	\$30 M GPR	No
	Grants to Covering Wisconsin to support with health insurance literacy and private and individual market enrollment.	\$1.1 M GPR	No
DSPS	Allow pharmacists to extend most Rx refills by 30 days during a PHE, where it is safe to do so.	No impact	Included
	Allow out-of-state health professionals to work in Wisconsin during a PHE.	No impact	Included
	Allow temporary credentials for former healthcare providers during a PHE.	No impact	Included
	Exempt certain health care provider credentials from renewal deadlines.	No impact	Modified

	Convert 21.0 LTE to FTE PR for position authority related to medical licensure.	No Impact	No
DOA	Grants to healthcare providers.	\$100 M GPR	No
	Sum sufficient emergency response for agencies (incl. staffing, facilities, IT, etc) to be administered by DOA.	\$200 M GPR	No
	Local government emergency assistance.	\$20 M GPR	No
	A one percent increase in County and Municipal Aids in 2020.	\$7.5 M GPR	No
	Flexibility for DOA on refinancing.	Indeterminate	Included
	Grant additional authority to the DOA Secretary to move employees between agencies during a PHE.	No impact	Modified
	Provide the Division of Personnel Management with additional flexibility during a PHE.	No impact	Included
	Authority to waive interest, penalties or payments on governmental loans and debt during the PHE.	No Impact	Modified
	Allow households to apply for heating assistance under the low-income energy assistance program anytime during the 2020 calendar year.	No Impact	No
	Create a grant program administered by DOA for the purpose of providing hazard pay to essential workers and first responders.	FED	No
	Provide one-time relief of up to \$100 million in general fund supported borrowing in the event the state temporarily suspends construction projects during the PHE.	\$100 M GFSB	No
DCF	Expand WI Shares eligibility during the PHE.	\$100 million TANF	No
	Expand the job access loan program during the PHE for individuals facing an immediate and discrete financial crisis due to the pandemic.		
	Expand the W-2 program during the PHE.		
	Expand the emergency assistance program during the PHE for families in need who are facing homelessness.		
	Create a short-term financial assistance program to provide cash payments for essential needs during the PHE.		

	Increase administrative costs for implementation.		
	Create a grant program to provide hazard pay to child care providers that remain open during the PHE.	\$25 million GPR	No
	Create a grant program to help healthcare professionals and essential workers pay for child care costs incurred due to the pandemic and during the PHE.		
	Provide supplemental payments to child care providers if that provider needed to shut down during the PHE.		
	Child welfare procedural needs	None	No
	Reallocate internal DCF funding for congregate care facilities and older youth programs.	\$3.2 M GPR (reallocated internally)	No
	Change eligibility for CSBG from 125% to 200% of the federal poverty line during PHE.	Indeterminate	No
DOC	Create a PHE fund for DOC to use for increased costs due to overtime as a result of the PHE.	\$8.7 M GPR	No
ETF / WRS	Allow rehiring of retired annuitants during a PHE & ability to reinstate licensure (including people in the last 5 years and people from out of state).	Indeterminate	Included
DWD	Repeal the one-week waiting period for UI.	No appropriation	Modified
	Reimburse all claims paid from UI trust fund related to COVID-19 during the PHE. Provide state-funded back payment for any lost benefits as a result of the delay in suspending the one-week waiting period.	GPR-Backed Sum Sufficient	Modified
	Allow critical workers, including healthcare workers, to claim worker's compensation benefits related to COVID-19, presuming that they received the illness from their occupation.	No Impact	No
	Allow employers to continue to partially pay laid-off employees with an effect on unemployment insurance.	GPR-Backed Sum Sufficient	No
	Waive certain parameters related to the Work-Share program during a PHE.	GPR-Backed Sum Sufficient	Modified

DPI	Grant DPI authority to waive state requirements for schools if closed by DHS and waive report card requirements for the 2019-20 school year.	No appropriation	Modified
	Require school employees continue to be paid at their regular rate if schools are closed by DHS.	No appropriation	No
Enterprise	General waiver of statutory deadlines during a PHE.	No Impact	Modified
	Waive in-person appearance requirements during a PHE.	No Impact	Included
DATCP	Prohibit evictions for residences and businesses during a PHE and the 45 days that follow.	No Impact	No
WEDC	Retain \$25 million that was supposed to lapse.	\$150 M GPR	No
	Expand the Small Business 20/20 Program and create RESTART 72 - These programs provide small businesses, farmers, and micro-enterprises with needed funds.		
	Authority to originate forgivable loans (PHE + 180 days).	No Impact	No
	Eligibility for the business development tax credit.	No Impact	No
	Waive interest on clawbacks during the PHE + waive interest for failure to meet WEDC contractual obligation during the PHE for 90 days following the end of the PHE.	No Impact	No
WHEDA	Create a fund under WHEDA's oversight to provide an estimated 6 months of support for prevention of single-family foreclosures and allow the subordination of down payment assistance loans to provide refinancing opportunities to current borrowers.	\$8 M GPR	No
DFI	Allow online notaries to perform online notarization of estate planning documents (such as wills and trusts) during a public health emergency.	No Impact	No
	Allow DFI to implement 2019 Wisconsin Act 125 earlier than May 1 st and provide funding for implementation costs.	\$806 K PR	No
DOR	Waive interest and penalties on delinquent property taxes included in the 2019 payable 2020 tax roll, on and after April 1, 2020.	None	Included
	Provide flexibility for municipalities to implement multiple installments of three or more for CY20 property taxes.	None	No

	Expand county borrowing authority to allow the issuance of bonds up to 10 years in maturity to replace funds lost due to the PHE.	None	No
	Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).	\$9.7 M GPR \$17 M TANF	No
PSC	Funding to support an additional round of broadband expansion grants.	\$20 M GPR	No
	Grant the Governor authority to prohibit utility cooperatives and propane suppliers from disconnecting during a public health emergency.	No Impact	No
	Prohibit disconnection of utilities from a rental unit by landlords during a PHE.	No Impact	No
DNR	Extend the PECFA claim submission deadline by one year.	No Impact	No
HEAB	Do not penalize a grant recipient who was unable to finish spring semester due to the PHE.	None	No
TOURISM	Create and fund a Regional Destination Organization Grant Program.	\$2 M GPR	No
	Create and fund Co-Op Marketing Programs Grants.	\$3 M GPR	No
WEC	Extend the deadline to register to vote online to the same day to request an absentee ballot by mail and provide funding for updating the voter registration system.	\$1 million GPR	No
	Waive voter ID during a PHE.	No Impact	No
	Simplify absentee voting by mail for any election during a PHE, require the postmark by election date, and waive the witness requirement.	No Impact	No
	Printing of absentee ballots for local government (WEC/DOA).	Indeterminate	No
WEM	Sum sufficient emergency response.	\$300 M GPR	No
DOA	Require use of Federal COVID-19 funds before GPR to the greatest extent possible.	No Impact	No
JFC	Exemption of JFC approval of Federal COVID-19 funds during PHE.	No Impact	No

GOV / LEG	Joint resolution extending the PHE indefinitely until revoked by executive order or joint resolution by the legislature.	No Impact	No
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Additions

- Prohibition on returns during PHE
- Authorize trust fund loans to municipal utilities
- Joint Finance authority to reduce appropriations
- Transfers from sum sufficient appropriations
- Exemption from civil liability for manufacture of medical supplies and equipment during PHE
- Exemption to 50 piece rule for Legislature during COVID-19 emergency
- Legislative Audit Bureau criteria and reporting
- Virtual instruction reports
- Interest and penalties due on taxes owed during the PHE (created separately from the general suspension of deadlines, interest, and penalties provision)
 - Applies to general fund taxes, or taxes or fees that are deposited in the transportation fund
- Income and franchise tax filing extension (done administratively)
- Autopsies and cremation of bodies of persons who died of COVID-19
- Reducing required hours of instructional programming for CNAs from 120 to 75
- Requires hospitals, isolation facilities, and any other facility that provides hospitalization provide daily and weekly reports on number of patients, beds, ventilators and provides DHS with the authority to withhold CARES Act funding for noncompliance
- Requires DHS to create a incentive-based MA payment system to encourage participation in health information exchange
- Providing immunity from civil liability for any healthcare professional under certain circumstances