



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 964

April 20, 2010 – Introduced by Representative PARISI, cosponsored by Senator MILLER. Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 49.472 (2); and **to create** 49.472 (2) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** disregarding a spouse’s income for purposes of eligibility for the
3 Medical Assistance Purchase Plan.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, under the Medical Assistance (MA) program, which is administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and under which eligible persons receive health care or long-term care services, an individual who would be eligible for MA based on eligibility for supplemental security income (SSI), but who is not eligible for SSI because he or she is employed, may pay premiums for coverage under MA if his or her family’s net income is less than 250 percent of the poverty line and his or her assets do not exceed \$15,000. This subprogram is known as the “MA purchase plan.”

This bill requires DHS to request a waiver from the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services that would allow DHS, if the waiver is granted, to disregard the income of a married individual’s spouse, and to treat the individual as single, when determining the individual’s eligibility and continued eligibility for the MA purchase plan.

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

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

