

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
107TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
July 15-19, 2026, Appleton WI

Resolution: 2.2026

Subject: Support for Revising the Financial Limits imposed on the Health Care Grant Program (§45.40(2) Wis stats.)

Submitted by: The Columbia County Council of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin

Referred to Convention Committee on Legislation

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 1997 Act 27 revised the Emergency Health Care Grant Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA); and

WHEREAS, grants awarded under this program are restricted to providing dental, vision and hearing care; and

WHEREAS, an individual cannot receive a grant for more than \$3,000 in any 12-month period or more than \$7,500 lifetime, including grants for subsistence; and

WHEREAS, an applicant's household income must be less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines (\$31,300 for Family of 1 and \$53,300 for a family of 3 in 2025); and

WHEREAS, 1997 Act 27 also established a cap on the Liquid Assets which an applicant's household can hold to not more than \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, 2009 Act 37 exempted the first \$50,000 of the cash surrender value of any life insurance when determining the liquid assets of the household; and

WHEREAS, these caps have not been adjusted, since their inception; and

WHEREAS, the emergency healthcare program is underutilized because of the current asset limits; and now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, by the American Legion Department of Wisconsin in Convention assembled in Appleton Wisconsin July 15-19, 2026, That the American Legion Department of Wisconsin supports increasing the liquid asset limit, increasing the cash surrender value limit and providing for periodic inflationary adjustments for Health Care grants provided for in §45.40(2)(c) Wisconsin Statutes.

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the department Convention held in Appleton, WI, July 2026.

Chair or Secretary signature

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action
