



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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**2021 BILL**

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 146.50 and 440.208 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting  
2             discrimination or retaliation against health care providers by health care  
3             entities and credentialing boards for ordering or discussing innovative or novel  
4             therapies.

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

This bill prevents health care entities and credentialing boards from discriminating or retaliating against health care providers for ordering innovative therapies or novel therapies if certain conditions are met, including: 1) the health care provider orders the therapy based on his or her assessment of the patient and any available clinical data supporting the therapy; 2) the patient requests the innovative therapy or novel therapy; and 3) the ordered therapy, if the therapy is a drug, device, or biological product, is either approved or authorized for emergency use by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Further, this bill prevents any health care entity or credentialing board from restricting any health care provider from informing a patient of any innovative or novel therapy that may potentially benefit the patient.

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

5             **SECTION 1.** 146.50 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **146.50 Novel and innovative therapies. (1)** In this section:

2           (a) “Health care entity” has the meaning given for “health care provider” in s.  
3 146.81 (1) (i) to (p).

4           (b) “Health care provider” has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (hp).

5           **(2)** No health care entity may retaliate against, discriminate against, or deny  
6 privileges to a health care provider for ordering an innovative or novel therapy if all  
7 of the following apply:

8           (a) The health care provider orders the innovative or novel therapy based on  
9 his or her assessment of the patient and any available clinical data supporting the  
10 innovative or novel therapy.

11           (b) The patient is informed of all reasonable alternative courses of treatment  
12 and requests the innovative or novel therapy over alternative courses of treatment.

13           (c) If the ordered innovative or novel therapy is a drug, device, or biological  
14 product, the ordered drug, device, or biological product is approved by the federal  
15 food and drug administration under 21 USC 355 or is authorized for emergency use  
16 by the federal food and drug administration under 21 USC 360bbb-3.

17           **(3)** A health care entity may not restrict, directly or indirectly, any health care  
18 provider from informing a patient of any innovative or novel therapy that may  
19 potentially benefit the patient.

20           **SECTION 2.** 440.208 of the statutes is created to read:

21           **440.208 Novel and innovative therapies. (1)** In this section, “health care  
22 provider” has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (hp).

23           **(2)** No credentialing board may retaliate against, discriminate against, or  
24 deny, suspend, limit, or revoke a credential to a health care provider for ordering an  
25 innovative or novel therapy if all of the following apply:

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1 (a) The health care provider orders the innovative or novel therapy based on  
2 his or her assessment of the patient and any available clinical data supporting the  
3 innovative or novel therapy.

4 (b) The patient is informed of all reasonable alternative courses of treatment  
5 and requests the innovative or novel therapy over alternative courses of treatment.

6 (c) If the ordered innovative or novel therapy is a drug, device, or biological  
7 product, the ordered drug, device, or biological product is approved by the federal  
8 food and drug administration under 21 USC 355 or is authorized for emergency use  
9 by the federal food and drug administration under 21 USC 360bbb-3.

10 **(3)** No credentialing board may restrict, directly or indirectly, by rule or any  
11 other official action, any health care provider from informing a patient of any  
12 innovative or novel therapy that may potentially benefit the patient.

13 (END)