The child support contract between the Department of Children and Families and local child support agencies specifies that certain funds will be awarded on a performance basis. This memo provides the Medical Support performance funding for CY2018 child support contract.

BACKGROUND:

In 2008, the federal Department of Health and Human Services released a new Medical Support regulation. This regulation expanded child support program responsibilities to seek and enforce orders that require either parent to enroll the children under private health insurance plans that are available to the parent at a reasonable cost.

MEDICAL SUPPORT INCENTIVES:

In the 2017-2019 Wisconsin Biennial Budget, the Wisconsin legislature appropriated $300,000 in General Purpose Revenue (GPR) for each state fiscal year to reward county child support agencies that find private health insurance for Medicaid children. A total of $300,000 in GPR is available for SFY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). These funds are eligible for federal matching funds.

Medical support GPR of $300,000 is pro-rated across all county child support agencies based on a KIDS report that counts newly added worker-entered private health insurance coverage for children receiving Medicaid/Badger Care. The performance report covers the period from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

The Medical Support Incentive funds will be part of the child support contract allocations for calendar year 2018.
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