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DIVISION OF FAMILY & ECONOMIC SECURITY  
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**DATE:**        November 15, 2018  
**TO:**            Child Support Agency Directors  
**FROM:**        John Chapin  
                    Division Administrator  
**RE:**            CY2019 Medical Support Performance Funding

**PURPOSE:**

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 Calendar Year 2019 (CY2019) 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 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). These GPR funds are eligible for federal matching funds of 66%, which is approximately \$582,353.

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, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The attachment shows the amount of medical support earned by each county. This funding will be part of the CY2019 State-County Child Support Contract allocations, SPARC contract line 7606.

The medical support GPR funding is used for all eligible, necessary, and allowable child support expenditures. Counties will receive this funding by June 30, 2019 through a payment process done by the DCF Bureau of Finance. Counties do not report directly on contract line 7606.

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**Attachment:** [CY19 Medical Support GPR](#)