HIV Related Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code

The following are hyperlinks to provisions of Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code related to HIV/AIDS as well as a related subject index to the Statutes and Administrative Code.

Note: The following chapter and subdivision headings are linked to the electronic publication of Wisconsin Statutes and Annotations, through the website of the Wisconsin State Legislature Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), official publisher of the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code. The LRB cautions that “the Wisconsin Statutes do not use the word ‘official’ in relation to the publication of statutes and, accordingly, ‘official’ has no legal meaning when applied to this electronic publication of the Wisconsin Statutes and Annotations or to the printed volumes.”

While HIV/AIDS-related content in Wisconsin Statutes is covered in variety of areas, the majority of AIDS/HIV-related provisions are located in Chapter 252 Communicable Diseases, specifically:

- **s. 252.12** HIV and related infections, including hepatitis C virus infections; services and prevention
- **s. 252.13** HIV tests,
- **s. 252.133** HIV testing for anatomical gifts,
- **s. 252.14** Discrimination related to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- **s. 252.15** Restrictions on use of an HIV testing,
- **s. 252.16** Health insurance premium subsidies, and
- **s. 252.17** Medical leave premium subsidies.

**Chapter 48: Children’s Code**
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**Chapter 49: Public Assistance**
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**Chapter 101: Department of Safety and Professional Services -- Regulation of Industry, Buildings and Safety**
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**Chapter 103: Employment Regulations**
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**Chapter 115: State Superintendent; General Classifications and Definitions; Children with Disabilities**
- [Health problems education program](#)
Chapter 118: General School Operations
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Chapter 146: Miscellaneous Health Provisions
- Access without informed consent
- Confidentiality of patient health care records
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Chapter 155: Power of Attorney for Health Care
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**Chapter 256: Emergency Medical Services**
- Emergency medical services personnel confidentiality of records

**Chapter 609: Defined Network Plans**
- Coverage related to HIV infection

**Chapter 631: Insurance Contracts Generally**
- Prohibited provisions concerning HIV infection
- Restrictions on use of tests for HIV

**Chapter 632: Insurance Contracts in Specific Lines**
- Mandatory coverage; drugs for treatment of HIV infection

**Chapter 901: Evidence - General Provisions**
- Admissibility of certain test results

**Chapter 938: Juvenile Justice Code**
- Access to certain information by substitute care provider
- Notice to victims of juveniles’ acts
- Testing for HIV infection and certain diseases

**Chapter 968: Commencement of Criminal Proceedings**
- Testing for HIV infection and certain diseases

**Chapter 973: Sentencing**
- Misdemeanors, special disposition
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Administrative Rules are policies that Wisconsin State agencies issue on a variety of subjects. Rules have the full force and effect of law and are published in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The following are links to HIV/AIDS-related Administrative Rules.

**DHS 138: Subsidy of Health Insurance Continuation Coverage Premiums for Persons with HIV Infection**
DHS 138 identifies the authority, purpose, and the provisions for participation and payment of health insurance premiums in the Wisconsin Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program for Persons with HIV infection.

**DHS 145: Control of Communicable Diseases**
**DHS 145: Appendix A -- Communicable Diseases and other Notifiable Conditions**
DHS 145 covers general provisions regarding the prevention and control of communicable diseases, as well as specific provisions regarding tuberculosis and sexually transmitted disease.

**INS 3: Casualty Insurance**
For provisions regarding HIV testing, see Ins 3.53 and Appendix A.

**INS 6: General Chapter**
For provisions regarding unfair discrimination in life and disability insurance, see Ins. 6.67.
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Blood banking
- Blood tests for HIV: s. 252.13
- Consent: s. 252.15(2m)

Case management
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- Medical assistance; case management services: s. 49.425(25)

Confidentiality
- Confidentiality and disclosure of HIV test results: s. 242.15(3m)
- Health care records; definitions: s. 146.81
- Patient health care records: s. 146.82
- Pupil records: s. 118.125
- Worker's compensation claim: s. 102.13(2)

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- Documentation/record maintenance: s. 252.15(4)
- Denial of services prohibited: s. 252.15(2m)(a)3.
- Exceptions to consent:
  - Exceptions: s. 252.15(2m); s. 938.296; s. 968.38
  - Minor: s. 252.15(2m)(c)
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- Requirements: s. 252.15(2m)
- Testing without consent:
  - Sexual assault: s. 938.296; s. 938.346; s. 938.371; s. 968.38
  - Significant exposure: s. 252.15(5g); s. 938.296; s. 938.346; s. 968.38
- Written, for disclosure of results: s. 252.15(3m)

Corpses, testing of: s. 252.15(5m)

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Definitions
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- First responder: s. 252.01(1g)
- Health care facility: s. 155.01(6)
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- Significant exposure: s. 252.15(1)(em)
• Validated HIV test result: s. 252.01(8)

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• Admissibility as evidence: s. 901.05
• Expanded disclosure prohibited: s. 101.02(19), s. 252.15(6)
• Foster parents: s. 48.371
• Penalties for disclosure: s. 252.15(9)
• Permitted disclosures: s. 252.15(3m)
• Prohibition against conditioning HIV testing on disclosure: 252.15(2r)
• Substitute care provider: s. 48.371
• Victims of juvenile acts: s. 938.296; s. 938.346
• Victims of sexual assault: : s. 938.296; s. 938.346; s. 968.38
• Written consent for disclosure: s. 252.15(3m)

Discrimination prohibited
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• In employment: s. 103.15
• In health care: s. 252.14
• In insurance: Wis. Admin. Code INS 3: Casualty Insurance [see 3.53(2) and 3.53(7)]
• Penalties for discrimination: s. 252.14(4)

Drug reimbursement: s. 49.686

Early intervention services
• Funding: s. 252.12(2)(a)8

Education: s. 115.35; s. 118.019; s. 118.125

Employment, restrictions on use of test: s. 103.15

Evidence, HIV status admissibility
• General provisions: s. 901.05
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Foster parent access to test results: s. 48.371

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- Coverage during medical leave: s. 252.17; Wis. Admin. Code DHS 138
- Drug coverage in disability insurance: s. 632.895(9)
- Group policies: Wis. Admin. Code INS 3 [see Ins. 353 (7)]
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- Premium subsidy: s. 252.16; s. 252.17; Wis. Admin. Code DHS 138
- Testing by insurers: s. 631.90; Wis. Admin. Code INS 3 [see Ins. 353 (4)]
- Viatical/life settlement: s. 632.69

Life care services funding: s. 252.12(2)(a)8

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Validated test result: s. 252.01(8)

Viatical/life settlement contracts: s. 632.69

Worker’s compensation: s. 102.13(2)

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