

Wisconsin Hospital Association: Statement in response to Gov. Walker signing Assembly Bill 538 into law

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WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding:

“Wisconsin’s hospitals and emergency departments are often the safety net for patients suffering a psychiatric crisis. This new law takes important steps to ensure patients in need of emergency psychiatric treatment receive the best, most appropriate care.

Assembly Bill 538 was crafted through the bipartisan leadership of Representatives John Jagler and Eric Genrich and Senators Rob Cowles and Janis Ringhand from recommendations created by WHA’s Behavioral Health Task Force. WHA has been proud to work with these lawmakers on this important legislation and applauds Governor Walker for signing Assembly Bill 538 into law.”