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Republican Investments Result in Increased Affordability and Access

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement:

"Today it was announced that the 2020 rates on Wisconsin's individual health insurance market will be 3.2 percent lower compared to 2019 rates. I am happy to see that the action taken by Republicans in Wisconsin is again paying dividends."

"According to <u>Governor Evers</u> this reduction 'further demonstrates that the individual market is stabilizing and Wisconsin residents are able to access more affordable coverage options.' I am glad to see that Governor Evers agrees, healthcare coverage on the marketplace is more affordable and accessible in Wisconsin without expanding welfare."

Since being approved by the federal government, the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan (WIHSP), consumers have seen consistent reductions in healthcare rates. Additionally, Molina Healthcare returned to the Wisconsin healthcare market. According to Molina, their decision was the result of Republican's efforts to stabilize the health insurance market through the reinsurance waiver which was approved by the federal government.

"This is just another example illustrating that Republicans in the Legislature made the right decision to not expand welfare in Wisconsin. Since taking office, Governor Evers has said that healthcare in Wisconsin is unaffordable, ignoring the fact that premiums on the exchange can be as low as 18 cents per month. Today's statement from Governor Evers shows he now understands how actions by Republicans have made insurance more affordable in Wisconsin."

"Wisconsin deserves better than Obamacare. I am happy to see that Governor Evers agrees, our actions have resulted in more affordable and accessible healthcare, without expanding welfare. I will continue to look for ways to expand access to the high-quality, affordable healthcare Wisconsin is known for."

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