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Republicans Lead the Way on Healthcare

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

“Yesterday, the State Assembly passed an important piece of legislation aimed at expanding healthcare access. Assembly Bill 410 utilizes telehealth as a way to improve access to healthcare in rural and underserved areas of the state.”

Wisconsin health care providers are currently utilizing telehealth to improve access to essential care. Unfortunately, state laws are not keeping pace with advances in technology and care delivery innovations and are preventing telehealth from reaching its true potential.

This bill passed has four main goals to improve Medicaid coverage of telehealth:

- Require Medicaid to treat telehealth the same as in-person services in terms of coverage for patients and reimbursement for providers.
- Help Medicaid catch up to Medicare in the number of telehealth services it covers. There are currently more than 50 separate telehealth services Medicare covers that Medicaid does not.
- Allow Medicaid patients to receive telehealth directly in their homes or other non-clinical settings.
- Repeal the added layer of telehealth certification that has been a barrier to expanding access to behavioral health, mental health and substance use disorder counseling services for Medicaid patients.

“I am confident that this bill will not only reduce costs but improve healthcare outcomes, especially in the rural areas of our state. I’d like to thank Representative Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) for her leadership and passion on this issue.”

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