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Rep. Plumer Votes for Healthcare Reforms

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MADISON, WI – Rep. Plumer (R – Lodi) voted today for a number of bills that will improve healthcare access for Wisconsinites. The Wisconsin State Assembly passed a series of bills today that will allow for more transparency of prescription drug prices, expanded vaccine access, and to guarantee insurance coverage for those with pre-existing conditions.

"Ensuring residents of my district continue to have access to affordable healthcare is one of my top priorities as a legislator," said Rep. Plumer. "Voting for these bills was a no brainer. There is no reason someone should be denied healthcare coverage due to a pre-existing condition or that a pharmacist could be penalized for helping a customer receive their prescriptions at lower cost."

<u>Senate Bill 3</u> passed today on a 94-0 vote and requires that Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) register with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. PBMS are also prohibited by this legislation from penalizing pharmacists for disclosing the costs of generic pharmaceuticals or lower cost alternatives.

<u>Assembly Bill 34</u> passed 92-0 and prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions, refusing to cover treatment for pre-existing conditions, or charging a higher premium due to those conditions.

<u>Senate Bill 13</u> passed on a voice vote and allows for dentists who have completed 8 hours of training to administer COVID-19 vaccines. For many Wisconsinites, their dentist is the most regular contact they have with a healthcare provider and this will help expand access vaccination.