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MADISON – State Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) voted today in support of healthcare priorities that are important to northeast Wisconsinites while the Assembly met on the floor this afternoon. The bipartisan initiatives reduce the cost of prescription medications, protect people with preexisting conditions from losing insurance coverage, and increase the number of vaccinators by allowing dentists to administer the COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

"Today's votes are critical for so many throughout our communities who have been asking for relief and reform that the bills we passed today provide," said Rep. Steineke. "Our hard-working neighbors shouldn't have to wonder about if their preexisting conditions will continue to be covered, if they'll be able to afford the high costs of their prescriptions, or if they will even have access to a medical professional."

Included in the Assembly's calendar today was legislation that passed on their first day on the floor of the 2019-20 legislative session that will protect Wisconsinites with preexisting conditions should the Affordable Care Act be struck down by the courts.

Other bipartisan healthcare initiatives that were approved by the state Assembly today include a bill that regulates pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) that will reduce prescription costs, a bill that alters how physician assistants (PAs) operate within the state to bring more healthcare access to rural areas, and a bill that allows dentists to administer the COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

"I am incredibly proud of the bipartisan work we're doing in the Assembly to address the healthcare needs of people in every corner of our state," continued Rep. Steineke. "My votes today prioritize affordable, accessible, quality healthcare because that's a priority for northeast Wisconsin."

When approved by the state Senate, the bipartisan bills will then head to Governor Evers for his signature.

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