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WHA APPLAUDS ASSEMBLY ACTION ON COVID-19 LEGISLATION, CALLS ON SENATE TO ACT

Madison, Wis., March 17, 2021—Wisconsin Hospital Association President and CEO Eric Borgerding issued the following statement in response to the Wisconsin Assembly’s vote on COVID-19 legislation today.

“Our state’s hospitals have been both the front line of the fight and the last line of defense during the pandemic, serving as the COVID safety net for all Wisconsin. While we are in a better place compared to this fall, we are not out of this pandemic—and our state’s hospitals remained prepared to go wherever COVID may head.

Today, challenges related to discharging patients, licensing providers and regulatory barriers to deliver care in alternate settings remain as hospitals implement evolving strategies to care for COVID and non-COVID care patients. Assembly Bill 148 removes these barriers and will help hospitals and health systems continue to improve their response to the pandemic for their communities.

The Wisconsin Hospital Association thanks Republicans and Democrats in the Assembly who supported AB 148 on the floor today, as well as Governor Evers who has supported these provisions during the debate on Assembly Bill 1.

We also want to thank the Senate Committee on Health for holding a public hearing on this legislation earlier today and ask the full Senate to act on this legislation next week.”

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