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Erpenbach Statement on Pharmacy Benefit Manager Bill Signing

WEST POINT, WI – Bipartisan legislation aimed at lowering drug costs and increasing transparency for consumers through Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) was signed into law by Governor Evers at a special ceremony at Bridge Community Clinic in Wausau, Wisconsin. As a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 3, Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-West Point) released the following statement:

"I am relieved to see action being taken to help lower the costs of prescription drugs and increase transparency and accountability for consumers. This bill will allow pharmacists to tell patients that they can get their medicine for a lower price if they buy it without insurance.

"Our community was well represented through the development of this legislation and I want to thank Janet Fritsch from Hometown Pharmacy in Baraboo for her advocacy on this issue as well as former Rep. Deb Kolste for all of the work she put into this bill last session. I was proud to cosponsor of this bill and thank Governor Evers for signing it into law. There is still plenty of work to do lower prescription drug costs but this is an important step in that direction."