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## Rep. Vorpagel Statement on Healthcare Day in the Assembly

**Madison-** State Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) issued the following statement after today's Assembly Floor Session that focused on top priority bi-partisan legislation to address the healthcare needs of Wisconsin.

"Today we passed legislation that would allow dentists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccines. This legislation received bipartisan support in the Senate and I was happy that it was unanimously approved in our house as well. Dentists already administer injections in their day-to-day work and this adds an 8-hour training in order to qualify as a vaccinator.

"I was happy to vote again this session to ensure that Wisconsinites with a pre-existing conditions are guaranteed access to affordable healthcare should the Affordable Care Act no longer be enforceable. This has been a personal fight for me, and I'm glad to see some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle joined me in voting for this important legislation.

"Thanks to the work of Representative Schraa, we were once again able to vote on legislation to create accountability for Pharmacy Benefit Managers through a mandatory licensure under the Office of the Commission of Insurance. This would provide greater transparency for consumers and put safeguards in place to protect local pharmacies. The goal is also to help reduce prescription drug costs.

"Among other healthcare legislation, we also passed a bill allowing Physician Assistants to practice to their full scope maximizing their contributions to the patients they serve. This legislation will help address some of the more underserved areas in Wisconsin that rely heavily on PA's to provide patient care close to home."

Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.

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