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Wisconsin Association of Health Plans Reacts to Gov. Evers' Budget Proposal

Madison, WI – In response to Governor Evers' 2025-27 budget proposal, Wisconsin Association of Health Plans CEO John Nygren said the following:

"Wisconsin's community-based health plans share the common goal of ensuring Wisconsinites have affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care. We're disappointed that Governor Evers did not take the opportunity to engage with our Wisconsin-based health plans and cooperatives to discuss the solutions we're already implementing to lower costs, protect access, and deliver high-value care for Wisconsinites in advance of his budget address. Instead, the plan unveiled last night would, in fact, have the opposite effect, and serve only to increase costs for patients across the state and continue to drive healthcare inflation for consumers and businesses alike.

"Governor Evers sought to cast health plans as the primary driver of increasing health care costs. On the contrary, health plans are the only player in the healthcare system whose primary goal is to lower costs while providing safe, cost-effective, and high-quality care. The Governor's comments are particularly unhelpful in spurring meaningful dialogue given the current heightened tensions following the murder of an executive of a national health plan. The speech not only painted a distorted picture of health care economics, but could be construed to feed the negative and dangerous rhetoric that fueled that horrific act.

"The Association and its member health plans look forward to engaging with lawmakers to discuss strategies that would serve to constrain health care costs, and would welcome the Governor to join in that dialogue."

The Wisconsin Association of Health Plans represents 14 community-based health plans across the state of Wisconsin, collectively insuring more than 1.3 million Wisconsinites.

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