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WHA Statement on the Hospital Assessment and Budget Repair Legislation

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The Wisconsin Hospital Association applauds Governor Doyle and Minority Leader Kreuser for continuing to pursue the hospital assessment as a means of improving historically abysmal Medicaid payments to Wisconsin hospitals and preserving access to safety net health care programs for our most vulnerable patients and their families. Additionally, the assessment will gain millions of dollars in federal funding that has been left on the table far too long, making this a “win win” proposition for lawmakers, service providers and patients.

Wisconsin’s budget situation, unless addressed, could jeopardize access to important health care programs while worsening the “hidden tax” which already raises the cost of health insurance because of cost shifting due to inadequate Medicaid payments.

The Wisconsin Hospital Association is committed to working with Governor Doyle and the Legislature to advance the best solutions to these immediate and ongoing challenges. We are working with Administration officials on important details of the proposal and believe that a well-crafted hospital assessment can and should be a component of a bipartisan budget solution.

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