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Rural Legislators Join to Propose Solutions for Rural Health Care

Access

New Rural Wisconsin Initiative Legislation Focuses on Health Care

Madison, WI – Earlier this week, a group of 23 Republican legislators hailing primarily from rural areas across the state announced the second phase of the Rural Wisconsin Initiative with legislation that aims to improve health care access in all corners of Wisconsin.

The package, which was developed with input from the Wisconsin Hospital Association and other health care oriented organizations, will fund a number of items, including residency programs for rural physicians, training consortia for allied health professionals – such as physical therapists and certified nursing assistants, clinical training programs for Advanced Practice Clinicians, and wellness programs in rural areas.

"Wisconsin has an excellent reputation for health care access," said Rep. Kitchens. "These bills will help ensure that we build on that reputation by encouraging young health care professionals to live, work, and train in our rural communities."

To view the plan or offer suggestions, please visit www.RuralWisconsinInitiative.com

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