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Rep. Hutton's Tax-Saving Drug Formulary Bill Advances to the Governor's Desk

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly today unanimously passed Senate Bill 84, legislation authored by Senator Rick Gudex (R-Fond du Lac) and Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) that will extend the use of drug formularies to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in order to help make the agency more effective and efficient.

“By allowing the Department of Corrections to establish a drug formulary, this important piece of legislation will help the state better manage the costs of prescribed medications,” stated Representative Hutton. “This common sense measure will surely be an invaluable tool as Corrections looks at ways to control medical related spending.”

Under current law, hospitals, health plans, and nursing homes are all allowed to create drug formularies. A drug formulary is a list of guidelines on prescription drugs, both generic and brand name, which helps medical personnel identify which medications offer the greatest overall value. A drug formulary also suggests possible lower-price alternatives to more expensive drugs.

“By having the ability to use a drug formulary, Corrections will be able to use alternative, low-cost drugs when distributing pharmaceuticals to the inmate population,” said Representative Hutton. “This is an easy step in maintaining cost-effective quality of care within our corrections facilities, especially for our aging prison population.”

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