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## **Governor Signs Reinsurance Proposal at Tomah Memorial**

**Tomah, WI** – Governor Walker signed SB 770, a reinsurance proposal intended to help stabilize the individual health insurance market in Wisconsin, this afternoon at Tomah Memorial Hospital.

Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) attended the bill signing and released the following statement:

“I’m happy to see this piece of legislation signed into law today and also pleased that the Governor chose Tomah Memorial for the bill signing event.

“This is especially meaningful for me as a former board member of Tomah Memorial. I regularly stay in contact with a number of individuals from the organization and I know how passionate they are about their profession, serving their friends and neighbors from Monroe County, and providing outstanding care, right here.

“I understand how valuable it is for us as rural residents to have access to high quality and affordable healthcare, including enhancing our quality of life and even the economic and workforce development benefits that having quality healthcare providers in our area brings. I supported this legislation’s passage and believe that it allows us in Wisconsin to take significant steps in regard to attempting to keep the cost of individual health plan premiums low, encouraging choice and affordability in the market, and also maintaining some of the steps we’ve taken as a state to increase health care coverage for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

“I look forward to continuing to work with stakeholders from our communities and community partners like Tomah Memorial, Gunderson Health, Mayo Clinic and Marshfield Clinic, to bolster meaningful efforts - some of which I’ve had the opportunity to lead on this legislative session – to increase access to care.”

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*The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.*