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Rep. Sinicki Releases Patient Safety Bills
They address medical transparency and compensation

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Rep. Christine Sinicki released this statement about the package of patient safety bills she is coauthoring with Sen. Johnson and Sen. Taylor:

“We are reintroducing a trio of bills that propose to increase transparency around surgical procedures and to ease the impact of medical error on patients and families.

“The first, the ‘Surgical Black Box Bill’ (*Julie’s Law*), would require medical facilities to record proceedings in surgical suites during operations, upon request of a patient or a doctor. The audiovisual recordings would be treated confidentially like all medical records, while allowing patients regulated access. This new type of medical record would provide vital data about what happens during surgical procedures, information that is currently unavailable to anesthetized patients and to those outside the room.

“The other two bills in the package recognize the emotional and financial hardships endured by patients and their families when medical error occurs. One bill allows certain adult children of harmed parents to seek damages, just as minor children currently are allowed to do.

“The other provides a long overdue increase in the cap on medical damages allowed in Wisconsin, which hasn’t changed since 2006.

“Please see the attached drafts for analyses and texts of the bills. The deadline for co-sponsorship by other legislators ends December 1.”

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