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Assembly Passes Rep. Plumer Legislation without Opposition Cuts Government Red-Tape to Simplify Wheelchair Repair Process

MADISON, WI – Earlier this week, the Assembly passed legislation authored by Rep. Plumer which cuts government red-tape to simplify the wheelchair repair process for individuals covered by Medical Assistance programs:

“I’d like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for supporting AB416 in the Assembly earlier this week,” said Rep. Plumer. “It is a pretty simple fix that will greatly improve the quality of life for individuals using complex wheelchair devices. By cutting unnecessary government red-tape, they can get needed repairs done more quickly and get back to living their lives.”

To get a specialized wheelchair under Medical Assistance an individual needs prior-authorization and a doctor’s prescription. State law also requires additional prior-authorization and a doctor’s prescription to get repairs made on their specialized wheelchair. AB416 gets rid of the requirement.

“This redundant requirement often results in a significant delay while paperwork is dealt with at the Department of Health Services,” added Rep. Plumer. “Meanwhile, these individuals are stuck waiting in pain and discomfort. Over 99% of repair requests are approved, there is no need to require additional burdensome government regulation in this instance.”

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