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Rep. Nygren Appreciates Governor Walker's Expanding Access to Naloxone

Madison – Wisconsin continues to lead in combatting heroin and prescription drug abuse. Recently, Governor Scott Walker made the life-saving drug Naloxone available without a prescription. The change removes a barrier which could prevent someone from getting the drug in time. Thanks to our efforts in the HOPE (Heroin, Opioid, Prescription and Education) Agenda, Governor Walker was able to increase access to this life-saving medication.

“More people are dying from overdose than car crashes. Deaths from overdose have doubled since 2004. In 2013, more people in our state died from drug poisoning than from suicide, breast cancer, colon cancer, firearms, influenza or HIV.

With alarming statistics like those, we knew the prescription drug and heroin issue was going to get worse before it could get better. Through our HOPE agenda, we've passed 17 bills to try to turn the tide of drug abuse. Thanks to Governor Walker's support, Wisconsin is a leader in the nation against this horrific epidemic.”

The statewide standing order allows pharmacists in Wisconsin to provide naloxone without a direct prescription to individuals at risk of an opioid overdose or a loved one who may witness an opioid overdose. Wisconsin is the 4th in the United States to have such an order.

“I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to the Governor for furthering our campaign against this epidemic.”

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