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Senator Patrick Testin <u>Sen.Testin@legis.wi.gov</u> (608) 266-3123 July 20th, 2020

Sen. Testin Selected as a Friend of Home Health Care

Stevens Point, WI – The Wisconsin Association for Home Health Care (WiAHC) selected Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) to receive their Friend of Home Health Care award. Senator Testin earned the award in part due to his support for legislation that would increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for home health care services.

"For me, ensuring access to quality health care has always been a top priority," said Senator Testin. "By raising the reimbursement rate, we can ensure that we keep qualified home health workers on the job and helping patients. I'm proud to support this legislation.

Senator Testin has supported other legislation endorsed by WiAHC this session, including Senate Bill 380, a bill that improved access to telemedicine that he, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, helped become law.

"Telehealth is an important tool, especially for my rural constituents," added Testin. "I enjoyed working with WiAHC, the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Senator Kooyenga, Representative Loudenbeck, and others to help get this bill done."

WiAHC represents home health care agencies and their staff and is a leading advocate for home health care in Wisconsin.

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